

JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH LEPROSY

Luke 5:12-16

Key Verse: 5:13

1. Read verse 12. What had happened in the previous passage? How does Luke describe the man whom Jesus met in one of the towns? What are the physical and social effects of leprosy? (Lev 13:45-46) How is leprosy like sin?
2. What did this leper do and say when he saw Jesus? What did he believe about Jesus? Why did he think that Jesus would receive him?
3. Read verse 13. What did Jesus do and say? How did he demonstrate the mercy of God? Think about the meaning of God's mercy (Ex 33:19; Ro 2:4). What does it show about Jesus that he touched the leper? Why did the leper need Jesus' touch?
4. What is the significance of Jesus' words, "I am willing"? Of the words, "Be clean"? (See Psalm 51:1-4,7,10-11) What happened when Jesus said, "Be clean"? What does this event reveal about Jesus?
5. Read verse 14. What did Jesus tell the now-cleansed leper to do? Why? How could this help restore his social relationships?
6. Read verses 15-16. What happened after Jesus healed the man with leprosy? What did Jesus do? Why is prayer important? What can we learn from Jesus?