



Date: October 7, 2018
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19
Series: Heart of a Disciple



"Come follow me." Words Jesus spoke to two people who would be part of a movement that God used to transform people lives. What would it mean for Jesus to ask you to follow him? Explore the heart behind **someone who says, "I follow Jesus."**

Luke Overview:

Author and Date: Luke the physician around 61-62 A.D.

First readers and their location: Luke and Acts were first written for Theophilus Gentile believer who wanted more detailed information about Jesus and the early church.

Why was it written?: Luke himself gives us the reason for his **record of Jesus' life:** "...I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been **taught."** **Luke 1:3, 4**

Open-up

Is there anything from the reading plan that impacted you this week?

What are the top three things that you are thankful for? Why?



Into the Bible

Read: Luke 17:11-19

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, **repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...**) **Ask the question, "What does it say?"** (For more help on effective Bible Study see the resources at the back)

Notice where Jesus is travelling. On the border of Galilee and Samaria. What do you know about Jews and Samaritans (See also: John 8:48, John 4:9)? Why is this significant?

What do you notice about the progression of the healing?



Into my life

Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"

Upon following Jesus' instructions, the lepers were healed. **Notice how obedience preceded "healing."** Discuss the significance of obedience and blessing in a disciple's life.

Consider the emphasis that Luke places on the “grateful heart” and the “loud praise” of the Samaritan leper. What does this say about the worship and thanksgiving of one who is a “follower” of Jesus? What observations would you make about your personal worship and thanksgiving? About our collective worship and thanksgiving at Westwood?

Jesus says that all ten were “cleansed” or “healed.” The word used is a medical term for literal physical healing. But then Jesus says to the Samaritan, “your faith has made you well.” The term “made well” is different and is the term used to describe salvation. In other words, all ten experienced physical healing but one experienced spiritual transformation. In what ways is our “thanksgiving” tied to salvation? Do we truly understand what God has done for us through Jesus and are we thankful?

Answer the question: “How can I thank God this week?”



Into the World

Ask, “what does this look like in my church or world?”

Imagine the life of a leper (isolated, destitute, hopeless). What might it have been like? Do you know those who live lives that resemble these characteristics? How do you come alongside them?

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week?
(Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

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We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world