

**The Kingdom of God**  
**Lesson 15: An Unlikely Hero after a Healing of Jesus**  
**LifeWalk Leader Guide**

**Open/Icebreakers:** Talk about the last time you were sick. What was it like? How did you feel? What were some of the things you did when you started feeling better? If you are a parent, describe what life is like when one of your kids is sick. Also, share about a time when your child showed extraordinary gratitude. How did that make you feel? What about a time when they were ungrateful? How did you respond?

**Digging In:** Luke 17:11-19

1. This may be a familiar text. As you encounter it again, does anything strike you? Is there something that you may have missed when reading it previously?
2. Luke reminds us (as he did in Luke 9:51) that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. What awaits him there? Why would Jesus visit Samaria and Galilee? Is there something significant about why Jesus chose this route? Discuss your thoughts.
3. The text reveals 10 people who had a skin disease, possibly leprosy. What would life be like in the 1<sup>st</sup> century if you were afflicted? Read Leviticus 13:45-46 for more insight and Leviticus 14 to learn about the process when one was healed.
4. Did the sick people ask for healing? What is significant about their request?
5. In Luke 5:12, we read of an account where Jesus healed a man immediately. Why was there no immediate healing in this case? What would be involved in “showing yourself to the priests?” When were the 10 healed?
6. How did one of the healed people respond? Paint a picture of what you think this looked like. How did Jesus respond to this man? What do you find significant about His response?

**Reflection:**

1. We don't deal with leprosy much in America. Who would be “modern-day lepers?” What would Jesus say to us about them? How should we treat them?
2. Being healed from leprosy would mean that a person would be given their life back, both physically and within the community. Can you sympathize with the other 9? Can you speculate on the kinds of things they were doing? Do we have the tendency to act this same way? What is Jesus' word to us?
3. When we are healed/blessed by God, how should we respond? Why is it significant that the returning worshiper was a Samaritan? What does that say about the nature of the Kingdom?
4. How can your group unite to put into practice the kingdom truths of these verses?

**Prayer:** God, help live out the truth of what it means to have an attitude of gratitude. Help us to make it easier for people to enter the kingdom. Help us to do our part to free the kingdom from racial or ethnic barriers that make it harder for us to unite in faith. Thank you for Jesus and His sacrifice. Holy Spirit, move my heart to love and service.