



1. Identify _____ (vv.11-14)

Luke 17:11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. **12** And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance **13** and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." **14** When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; **16** and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"

18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." (ESV)

2. Make _____ (vv.15-18)

3. Seek _____ (v.19)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 9:1-2**. What are some of the “wonderful [temporal] deeds” that the Lord has accomplished recently for you? Why do you think you don’t “recount” these and gladly “praise” God for these more often than you currently do?
2. Read **Psalm 103:1-5**. Describe what might be involved in the personal self-direction that could be employed in your life if you were to expand upon the model that is laid down for us in this song?
3. Read **Colossians 1:12-14**. While we empathize with the joy of the ten lepers in Luke 17 we should remember that God’s healing mercy is temporal – they would all go on to physically die. The ultimate mercy is seen in Christ’s salvation which was granted to the one who returned with saving faith. How does a focus on God’s greatest mercy help you when he withholds some of the temporal mercies of life?
4. Read **Habakkuk 3:17-19**. What does this perspective require? How might you obtain more of this mindset?
5. Read **Lamentations 3:22-24**. How might you focus more on God’s faithfulness in your life, knowing that as Jeremiah wrote these words he was watching most of his temporal world fall apart?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

May 21st

1Chr.3-5 & Jn.8:1-20

May 22nd

1Chr.6-7 & Jn.8:21-36

May 23rd

1Chr.8-10 & Jn.8:37-59

May 24th

1Chr.11-13 & Jn.9:1-23

May 25th

1Chr.14-16 & Jn.9:24-41

May 26th

1Chr.17-19 & Jn.10:1-21

May 27th

1Chr.20-22 & Jn.10:22-42

May 28th

1Chr.23-25 & Jn.11:1-17

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 09-07 – **Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace**

Msg. 13-23 – **Urgency & True Importance**

Msg. 05-38 – **Anchoring Our Thanksgiving on What Matters Most**

Msg. 13-08 – **Indebted to a Forgiving God**

Msg. 13-25 – **Sorrow & Profound Celebrations**

Msg. 13-19 – **Jesus as Deliverer**

Msg. 14-08 – **Anticipating the Defeat of Disease**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Lutz, Susan. **Thankfulness: Even When It Hurts**. P & R, 2002.

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Pao, David W. **Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme**. InterVarsity Press, 2003.

Rainey, Barbara. **Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember**. Crossway Books, 2003.

Spurgeon, Charles. **Power in Praising God**. Whitaker House, 1998.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.