



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Clean, Forgiven, Connected”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. Great faith in Jesus always receives more than it seeks.
2. Prayer positions us to receive God’s power.
3. What you think you need most may not be what you need first.
4. Jesus is willing to cleanse, able to forgive, and worthy of glory.

Key Verse:

Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately the leprosy left him.

— Luke 5:13

Discussion Questions:

1. The leper came to Jesus saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean” (Luke 5:12).
 - What stands out to you about his faith and humility?
 - In what ways does his example challenge how we approach Jesus with our own needs? **Further Reading: Hebrews 11:6; Mark 1:40–45**
2. Rabbis and priests would avoid lepers to remain “clean,” but Jesus reached out and touched the man (Luke 5:13).
 - What does this reveal about the heart of Jesus toward those society rejects?
 - How can we reflect that same willingness to touch the “untouchable” in our own community? **Further Reading: Isaiah 53:3–6; 2 Corinthians 5:21**
3. Between the healing of the leper and the paralytic, Luke records that Jesus often withdrew to pray (Luke 5:16).
 - Why do you think Luke highlights Jesus’ prayer life here?

- Practically, what rhythms or places of prayer can you build into your week to stay connected with God's power? **Further Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; John 15:4–5**
4. The paralyzed man's friends refused to give up, even digging through a roof to bring him to Jesus (Luke 5:18–19).
 - How can their determination inspire us in bringing our friends, neighbors, or family members to Jesus today?
 - Who might God be calling you to "carry" to Him in prayer or action this week? **Further Reading: Romans 10:14–15; Galatians 6:2**
 5. The paralytic expected healing, but Jesus first forgave his sins (Luke 5:20).
 - How does this challenge our view of what we think we most need from God?
 - Can you share a time when God gave you something better—or different—than what you were asking for? **Further Reading: Matthew 6:31–34; Ephesians 1:7–8**
 6. Both the leper and the paralytic walked away changed—not only healed but restored in relationship with God and community.
 - How should being "clean, forgiven, and connected" in Christ shape the way we live daily?
 - What step can you take this week to extend that same grace and connection to others? **Further Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Colossians 3:12–14**

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.