

Luke 17: 11-19

A Revealing Healing



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

Getting started

1. Would you describe yourself as a risk-taker? Do you like to explore new possibilities? OR
2. Are you a naturally thankful person?

The text – Luke 17:11–19

Read Luke the passage. Luke writes simply and concisely, so every word counts.

3. Why does he include each of these words?
 - a. “way; Jerusalem; border; Galilee; Samaritan; foreigner”
What is he saying about Jesus’ plans and purposes?
 - b. “leprosy; distance; priests; cleansed; faith; made you well”
What does Jesus do in the face of human need?
 - c. “praising; loud; threw himself; thanked; ten...nine”
What is the scandal of this passage?
4. Imagine yourself as the one man who came back to thank Jesus. What made you come back to Jesus?
5. Read Jesus’ comments and questions in verse 17–19 out loud? What tone are you hearing? Anger? Frustration? Offence? Regret? Sadness?

The Scriptures – Luke 17:11–19 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. Why might Jesus want to be at the margins of Israel? See Isa 49:5–6.
7. How does God feel about Israel in Isa 5:1–7? How is this like the experience of Jesus?
8. What reasons are there for giving thanks to God in Psalms 107, 118, 136? In Eph 1:16ff and Col 1:12ff?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 17:11–19 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. Could you echo the life of Jesus by seeking out the marginalised?
What marginalised group? How will you do this?
What training and resources would you need to try something new?
10. What habits of thankfulness are in your life? How could your sense of thankfulness to God deepen?