



Mark 1:40-45

INTRODUCTION

Out of great compassion Jesus cleanses the leper, displaying that he is the one that can make us clean.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Mark 1:40-45**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?

REVIEW

- Why does the Bible use leprosy as a metaphor for sin?
- In what ways does the leper come to Jesus? How is that applicable for us?
- If Jesus is powerful and compassionate why does he not heal all our diseases? Why is he unwilling?
- Why must the man go to the priest to verify that he is clean?
- Why did Jesus tell him not to tell anyone?
- Why does Jesus withdraw to desolate places to pray?

APPLICATION

- What usually motivates you to seek God?
- Have you ever experienced the cleansing touch of Jesus? Describe.
- What lessons have you learned during times of suffering?
- Why are we often too silent? What does the cleansed leper have or understand that we do not?
- What kinds of people are shunned today in a way that approaches how lepers were avoided in Jesus' day? Are there opportunities for this group to continue Jesus ministry to "untouchables?"

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?