

Small Group Lesson for Sunday – Matthew 8:1-4

Opener: What kinds of things are you absolutely unwilling to do?

(as an example: I (Randy) am not willing to ride a bicycle with my hands off the handlebars. I am not willing to swim in deep water very far without a life jacket. I am not willing to risk dying without Jesus.

Opening prayer

Read Scripture: Matthew 8:1 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ² A man with leprosy^[a] came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. ⁴ Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

1. Look again at this scripture and share what jumps out.
2. What was important to happen for this miracle to take place?
3. What is unique about the man saying, “Lord, if you are willing...”?
4. When you are praying for a need, do you ever demand from God? Should we ever demand from God? Why or why not?
5. Do you think this man would have been able to let it go, if Jesus were to say, “I am not willing”?
6. Have you ever heard or been impressed by God that He was not willing to give you what you asked for? What did you do about it? Did you get angry? Were you sad? Were you able to easily trust Him for what was coming, even though it might not be good?
7. What does it mean to you to be able to be willing for God’s best?

Share prayer requests

Pray