

Hey Families,

We are so pumped to bring you week 1 of our first series with The Gospel Project. We will drop weekly content for you for now with the hopes of getting the entire series available to you shortly.

Included in this one pdf packet will be a few different things we want to explain to you. The best advice we can give you – print it out and work through it! You'll never know unless you try.

- 1. Lesson (1x a week)— It will have the weekly scripture and questions to go along with the text. This is meant to get their gears turning. This will be followed with a few pages of content to walk through. Hands-On is the best way we learn. We cannot wait to hear how students are working through this content.
- 2. Devos (5x a week)— There will be 5 daily Devos for the week to hit home on the same points discussed in the curriculum. Doing a daily devo will keep God on their thoughts and His Word in their hearts. Though these are made with students in mind, no one will tattle on you if this boosts your weekly time with God ©.
- 3. Family Connection (1x a week) This is a great tool if you as a family would like to sit down and talk about this text. Read it as a family and then work through the questions and challenges. We encourage the family to converse light heartedly over dinner. make it enjoyable and a learning experience for everyone!

That's it- Overall, we are excited and we know this will take time to adjust. Please reach out to use at students@kingswaychurch.org if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Kingsway Student Team



**Unit.22** 

Session.01

## Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

Scripture



Luke 17:11-19

11 While traveling to Jerusalem, he passed between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he told them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And while they were going, they were cleansed. 15 But one of them, seeing that he

was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. **16** He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? **18** Didn't any return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** And he told him, "Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

### **His Story**

How is sin spiritually comparable to leprosy?

How have you experienced separation from God and from others because of vour sin?



## 99 Essential **Doctrines**

### **Justification** by Faith

Justification refers to the moment when a person is objectively declared righteous before God based on the righteousness of Christ's atoning death (Rom. 8:33-34). This act of declaration takes place through faith in Christ and not as a result of human works or effort (Eph. 2:8-9). Through justification, a person is made to be in right standing before God, changing what was once an estranged and hostile relationship to one of adoption into the family of God.

#### **Main Point**

# Thankfulness is the natural response to God's work in our lives.

Have you ever called out to God for help and grace during a time of desperation? How did He respond?

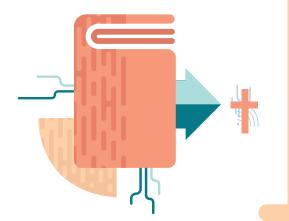
What path of obedience is Jesus calling you to walk today?

## His Story (

What are some things you need to thank God for right now?

#### How would you describe the practice of thanksgiving in your worship to God?

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## **Christ Connection**

When ten lepers called out to Jesus for mercy, Jesus sent them to the priests and they were healed. Jesus declared that the one leper who returned to thank and worship Him was saved by His faith. Likewise, when we cry out in faith to Jesus, He saves us from our sin, a gift that prompts a life of gratitude and worship.



#### Head

What can we learn for our own lives from the way the lepers responded to Jesus' word and instruction?

How is it comforting to know that our only response to the gospel is to come to Jesus, not one of earning His favor through good works?



#### Heart

What does this account teach us about our greatest need before God?

How might knowing our deepest need help us in our spiritual lives?

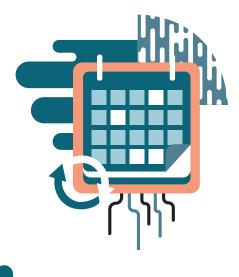


#### Hands

How does this story instruct us about living with thankfulness before God?

What are some practical ways you can begin to give greater thanks to God for all the work He is doing in you, through you, and around you?

## **Daily** Devotions



## The 7 Arrows of **Bible Reading**



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

#### Day 1

Every Christian has received, as Luke 1:78 says, the tender mercy of God. Paul says God is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4). He isn't stingy. He doesn't ration His mercy to save enough for a rainy day. No, God is pouring out His mercy on us even right now. It never ends. You can use up all you need today; there will be more in the morning (Lam. 3:23).

But what exactly is God's mercy? Another word for it—one we're more familiar with—is compassion. God's mercy is God's compassion, and His compassion is His mercy. God's mercy is His compassionate care for us—springing from, as Paul says in Ephesians 2:4, "his great love that he had for us."

God's mercy is His never-ending love for us, the undeserving. Looking upon us in our sin, God chose to forgive us in His Son. His mercy brought us near. We need a love like that—a love that's near. Distant love, no matter how sincere, cannot change us. All life-changing love must be close. The love of God is that kind of love—an all-encompassing, all-sufficient, all-surpassing love. And it's ours because of His mercy.

That's what the lepers cried out to Jesus to receive. And He came near to give it to them.

How does God's merciful nearness change the way you live today?

## Luke 17:14-16

## Luke 17:17-19

"And while they were going, they were cleansed." Imagine the joy. Imagine looking down at ruined skin and seeing it healed. Imagine looking at the men beside you to find faces not disfigured but whole. Cleansed!

Every Christian has experienced the same kind of cleansing at the level of the heart. By Christ's blood, our sin is washed away. As we walk in the light with Jesus, we find moment-by-moment cleansing by His grace (1 John 1:7). The Christian life could be summed up in one word: "Cleansed!"

The lepers cleansing came at an interesting time: "while they were going." Going was obeying. A leper would go to a priest so that the priest could determine if the disease was healed or not. These men knew before Jesus came they were as sick as ever. But when He told them to go, they went, trusting that in the going—sometime between now and then—they would be healed. And they were.

Trusting Jesus comes before the healing. It's while we're going that we realize all that Jesus has done under the skin.

How does trusting Jesus for healing change your outlook today?

What is saving faith? It is comprised of three things, at least. First, we must believe the right things about the true God. The leper believed that Jesus was worthy of worship. So he not only cried out for mercy at the beginning but returned in worship at the end of his healing. He believed Jesus was more than a magician. He knew that God was present in Jesus to grant salvation.

Second, saving faith is an assurance that what we believe is true. The leper not only acknowledged who Jesus was, he also truly believed in Him. He fell facedown not before an idea of Jesus but before the person of Jesus. His knowledge didn't stay at the surface level. It affected His worship.

Third, the leper acknowledged the personal implications of faith in Jesus. He returned in worship to Jesus not only because he knew the right things and accepted the truth of those ideas, but because he trusted Jesus and relied upon Him. His newfound wellness led him to fall down at Jesus' feet. His mind, will, body, and affections all pointed toward Jesus.

Saving faith is just that—looking to the whole Christ for your whole need, and knowing He alone can save.

How does salvation by faith set Christianity apart from all other religions and worldviews?

## Luke 7:20-21

## 17:22-37

God's kingdom is different than the Pharisees expected. They were looking for a military and political revolution. Jesus was a meek and humble king. They wanted a strong arm of justice, burying his enemies beneath his feet. Jesus won through weakness, dying upon the cross. The kingdom did not come in observable ways. It came like a treasure in a field so many passed over. It came quietly but triumphantly. It wasn't visible all at once. No one could spot it coming on the horizon. But it came truly and powerfully.

God wins over the long haul. History bends toward His glory. In the end, of all the kingdoms of the earth, only God's will remain strong and sure, filled with those too weak for the kingdoms of this world but just perfect for God's. Those like the leper will be there, standing in a glorified body never to contract disease or experience death again. He who was cast out in this world was brought into God's. No one notices that because weakness doesn't win in this world. But in God's kingdom, it's the only way inside. His is the only kingdom where the last are first. No wonder no one notices.

How does knowing God accepts the weak into His kingdom free you to live before Him now?

Who would have thought the way God would win would be through rejection and suffering? How could the all-holy God above subject Himself to the horrors of crucifixion? Nonetheless, God planned to conquer this world through the cross. When God came down in Jesus Christ, the mission was set, the path was determined, the Son of Man came to die at the hands of His own people.

It should not surprise us that to save our life we must lose it. God's kingdom is an upside-down one where losing is winning, dying is living, and suffering leads to salvation.

It may look today like God's kingdom is losing, as if no one even knows it's here. But do not fear. The Son of Man is coming again. We don't know when it will be, but we know as sure as Jesus came once that He will also come again. And when He comes, His kingdom will reign forever and ever, and that rejection and suffering that was His once will be His enemy's forever.

How does knowing that Jesus was rejected and suffered help you understand the way God's kingdom is at work in this world?



## **Family Connection**

#### UNIT 22 | SESSION 1

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

#### Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

#### **Session Summary**

When Jesus came walking near this group of lepers, their hearts lifted and they cried out to Him for mercy. For men as unclean as they, Jesus was their only hope. As He turned to them in mercy, He gave a simple command: "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Ten lepers found healing on the way to the priest, and the lepers were healed from their disease as they responded to the word of God. However, only one turned around to find Jesus again and true gratitude pierced his heart. He could not take another step without returning to the Healer to express his feelings in worship.

#### **Conversation Questions**

- Who would we consider to be the outcasts of our society?
- How has our family ever desperately called out to God for help?
- In what ways has God responded to our family with mercy?
- Why is it important for us to immediately obey the Word of God?

#### Family Challenge

Only one leper returned to Jesus after being healed to express his gratitude through worship. Sit down as a family and discuss why thankfulness is a form of worship. Write down ten blessings from God that your family can be thankful for this week: