



Exploring God's Story

1. Discuss what Jesus was coming down the mountain from and why great crowds were following Him in verse 1.
2. Discuss the several things the leper did in verse 2 and the significance of each.
3. Discuss the importance of Jesus reaching out and touching the leper in verse 3.
4. Discuss the significance of the instantaneous healing in verse 3.
5. Discuss why you believe Jesus says what He says in verse 4.

Examining Our Story within God's Story

6. Share a story of when someone came to where you were to meet your needs and/or a time when God used you to meet someone else's needs (again, where they were).
7. Share a story of a time when God fulfilled your request for something that you believed would only be a "miracle" if He granted it.
8. How has God's responses to your prayers formed you and your spiritual life?

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9. Discuss the importance of Jesus coming down the mountain in these verses and how we, as Christians, can apply these lessons to our lives.
10. As Christians, what are some lessons we can learn from the leper in this passage?
11. What are specific unspoken ways God can use you and your story as a testimony to others about Him, His power, and His love?

Digging Deeper

12. Have you been too angry, busy, and/or distracted blaming others and Jesus for the hurt you feel, the situation(s) you find yourself in, or the unfairness of life that you have missed the fact that Jesus has been (and is) right there with you?
13. Have you forgotten the love Jesus has for me that brought Him down from His high and exalted place to die for me and my sin?
14. Am I aware of my current situation or am I living in denial, thinking I can somehow get myself back on track?
15. Am I desperate enough to come to Jesus?
16. Am I humble enough to come to Jesus?

Studying Further (Optional Additional Self-Study)

- How is Matthew 4:23 a foundational verse for Matthew's Gospel, especially chapters 5-9?
- How did the leper "worship" (show honor, glory, praise, thanksgiving, etc.) to God in this passage?
- Consider the different stories of Jesus' healing ministry on Matthew 8-9. What is God revealing in each of these stories.