



November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Discussion Guide

Questions Jesus Asked: “Where are the other 9?”

Luke 17:17-18

### **Introduction**

*The story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers only appears in Luke’s Gospel account (Luke 17:11-19). It is an interesting story, not because of Jesus’ miraculous powers, but because of the circumstances and conversation surrounding the healing. Strong lessons about faith, gratitude and how grace should change the course of our lives can all be pulled from these few verses. As you discuss this passage today let’s keep both short term and long-term goals in mind. Short Term: Am I returning to Jesus on a daily basis? Long Term: What things have grown in my life as a result of consistent thankfulness?*

### **Discussion Questions**

1. At the beginning of this story in Luke 17:11-19 (Take a moment to read this passage as a group) it talks about the men crying out to God for pity. Pain had removed them from their community and their family. What are ways today that pain acts in the same way today? Who are people that you see in your life experiencing the isolation of pain?
2. In the message we noted that only one man came back to say thank you to Jesus. Luke also includes that Jesus said it was the Samaritan that returned. Why is that significant? What could be the reasoning for the other 9 to not have returned?
3. Matt asked the question, “Have you ever missed Jesus on the way to church?” Why is it so easy to experience grace, but forget to continue that relationship with Jesus? Why do we move on so quickly?



4. Take a moment as a group and look back at the past 5-10 years of your life (maybe even more). Allow for several people to share the ways they are grateful that God has grown them or moments they have experienced his power. If we fail to share or celebrate these moments we can easily miss the wonderful things God is doing in our lives.

5. Thankfulness is a special gift from God, because the quicker you give it away, the more you find that you have. Have the group take a few moments to themselves and use their Bibles, phones, google etc. to find a verse that expresses something that they are grateful for in their relationship with God. Not everyone has to share, but encourage everyone to contribute in this act of giving thanks.

**Moving Forward:** *How is your life different because of God? How has his power not just given you grace, but grown good fruit in your life? Remember how easy it is to move on from making a decision to follow Jesus, without truly following him. This week spend time in contemplation and reflection. Create a list of ways God has changed you. It might reveal to you, areas that you need to turn and go back to Jesus, that you haven't already. Don't miss this moment to allow the seeds of thankfulness to take root in your life.*