

## **LIFE Group Sermon Questions**

The Center of Everything: Touched

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Luke 5:12-16



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### **Luke 5:12-16**

“While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, ‘Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.’ 13 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, ‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately the leprosy left him. 14 And he charged him to tell no one, but ‘go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.’ 15 But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.”

### **Sermon Outline**

What will you find when you come to Jesus?

I. Tenderness (Luke 5:13)

II. Willingness (Luke 5:13)

III. Power (Luke 5:13)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn’t know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. What do you think are common reasons for why people *don’t* come to Jesus in faith?

3. In Luke 5:12, the leper says to Jesus, “If you will, you can make me clean.” What about that line makes a good prayer? Why is it important to pray with confidence? Why is it important to pray in humility? Why is it important to incorporate *both* into our prayers (especially when it comes to something we want)?

4. In Isaiah 1:4-5, the Bible likens sin to leprosy. “Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil.” From what you know of leprosy, why do you think it makes a good image of sin?

5. How have you experienced the tenderness of Jesus? Would you say that you are a tender person? Why or why not?

6. What does it look like to have tenderness toward others...

- ...in your family?
- ...at work?
- ...online?

6. Where else would you go in the Bible where you come across the *willingness* of God to save sinners? How might those verses (and this story in Luke 5!) help correct a faulty view of him?

7. What are some reasons for why people might think Jesus is *unwilling* to forgive them?

8. In your own words, why does it matter that Jesus has the power to forgive sins and cleanse sinners? What might a person's life look like if they think he doesn't?

9. How does it change the way you live *knowing* that your sins *are* forgiven through faith in Christ?

10. How can you bring the hope of Jesus and the power he has to bear on a world so rife with evil, sadness, anger, and fear?