

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Scripture: Luke 5:12-16



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is able and willing to cleanse humble sinners from their sin and shame.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Discuss what incredible insights the leper reveals with his request.
- What does the man's posture reveal about the state of his man's heart?
- What regulations were lepers mandated to follow based on the law (Leviticus 13:45-46)? Why were they ostracized from the community?
- Who are the marginalized ("untouchables") in our society? Whom do you treat as "untouchables" – those who need a life-changing encounter with Jesus but that you keep distant?
- How did Jesus express his compassion toward the leper?
- Are you struggling with guilt and shame resulting from your sin or how others have treated you? How does the cross of Christ rid us of guilt and shame?
- Why do you think Jesus commanded the cleansed leper to be silent before going to the priest?
- Explain how the man would have encountered Jesus during the sacrifice for his cleansing (Leviticus 14:18-20).
- Discuss the role prayer played in Jesus' life and ministry. What is prayer, and how can we be assured that God hears and cares about our prayers?
- How does this text portray the gospel of Jesus Christ?