

The Cleansing of Jesus

Discussion Questions

Mark 1:40-45

Open It

What childhood memories do you have of a peer being ridiculed or rejected?
Who are some of the "untouchables" in our society?
What are some illnesses that people often fear getting?

Explore It

What do the man's words to Jesus tell us about his attitude or spiritual condition? (1:40)
What evidence do we see that the sick man in this story was desperate? (1:40)
Why did Jesus heal the man who came to Him? (1:41)
How did Jesus heal the leper in this story? (1:41)
What do Jesus' specific actions in this episode tell us about His character? (1:41)
What happened to the leper? (1:42)
What specific instructions did Jesus give to the leper after He had healed him? (1:44)
Why did Jesus want the leper to go to a priest? (1:44)
Why did Jesus urge the leper to tell no one he was cured? (1:45)
How did the leper respond to all that had happened to him? (1:45)
What was the result of the leper's actions? (1:45)

Get It

Who are the outcasts or untouchables in today's world?
In what ways can Christians serve or help people who have great need?
When has the Lord ever healed you either physically or emotionally?
How have you responded to the Lord's healing in your life?
How would you react if you saw another person miraculously healed by the Lord?
Looking at the leper's example, what attitude do you think is crucial to receive healing from the Lord?
Why do you think God sometimes heals people miraculously yet at other times chooses not to?
What does this passage tell you about Christ and His attitude toward our pain and suffering?
When have you ever done the opposite of what you knew Jesus would have wanted you to do?
How can disobedience cost us?
What is one area of your life in which you need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing from God?

Apply It

To what person in your church or community could you reach out this week? How?
What concrete action can you take this week to trust Jesus with your areas of need?