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THE JESUS STORY

It's Contagious
Luke 5:12-16

Leprosy

"...a man came along who was covered with leprosy."
(Luke 5:12)

Greek *lepra* means scaly and includes many skin diseases.

This man is covered with leprosy.
(See also Leviticus 13:45-46)

The Power of Touch

"Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man."
(Luke 5:13)

Jesus touches the untouchable.

Jesus cleanses the unclean.

We must make God's grace contagious through
our touch.

"The secret is to be so filled with the life of Jesus that in touching the world, instead of its infecting us, we infect it."
(John Ortberg)

A Living Testimony

"...go, show yourself... as a testimony to them."
(Luke 5:14)

Lepers being healed is a sign of the Messiah's coming.
(See also Luke 7:22)

We must make God's grace contagious through
our testimony.

**How will you make God's grace contagious through
your touch and testimony this week?**

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of March 4-10, 2018

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IT'S CONTAGIOUS - Luke 5:12-16

Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by praising God that Jesus has the power to heal every disease.

MY STORY

1. What disease do you dread getting most? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. What insight, principle or point from the message stood out to you from Sunday's message? Why?
3. Read Luke 4:42-44 and 5:12-16. For what purpose had Jesus likely gone to the town where He encountered the leper? How did cleansing the leper serve as a metaphor for Jesus' purpose, ministry and authority? Explain.
4. Verse 12 says that the man was covered with leprosy? Even though such a scene might make us queasy, what does 1 Samuel 16:7 say about how God sees people? What do you think Jesus saw when He looked at the leper?
5. What do you think each of us would look like if our sin showed on the outside of our skin like the leper's leprosy?
6. Read Luke 5:12 again. What character traits did the leper display in approaching Jesus and asking for help?

7. Picture yourself as the leper in the story. How would you feel approaching Jesus? How would you feel as Jesus responded with kindness and a gentle touch?
8. What was Jesus demonstrating by touching the leper when He cleansed him? What kinds of needs or people do you find it difficult to reach out and touch with God's grace?
9. If you were a priest who met this leper, how would your view of Jesus be changed because of this healing and his testimony?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

10. Read the various accounts of Jesus healing the leper. What similarities and differences do you see?

	Similarities	Differences
Matthew 8:1-4		
Mark 1:40-45		
Luke 5:12-16		

11. In your view, why did Jesus ask the leper not to talk to anyone except his priest regarding being healed? Why didn't this work?

TAKING IT HOME

12. What can we learn from this passage about how we might approach Jesus with needs in our lives and what He wants us to do if He chooses to cleanse/heal us?
13. What will it look like for you to make God's grace contagious with a caring touch or your testimony this week?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group, and ask God to help each of you to reach out and touch people in Jesus' name.