

Study of Luke Ch. 5

Leprous and Lame to Whole

Opening

Pray.

What is more important to you? Having a new experience or completing a project? Reading the book or seeing the movie? Having a high paying job or saving money? Winning the race/competition or setting a personal best? Having luck or giving your best?

What do you think would be the three grossest jobs to have and why?

Study

Today we will see Jesus heal two different people. These people are seen as unclean which means in Jesus' day that if you were too close to them or touched them, you were unclean. You could not go to worship until after the time of cleaning. It's like today. If you were exposed to someone who has COVID-19, you would have to quarantine yourself. You couldn't be near others or go places. Yet, we see Jesus go beyond the stigma to touch their lives. People were Jesus' priority in life and He did so in a way that right and good in His Father's eyes.

Everyone has priorities. Many people know what their priorities should be but live a different set of priorities. What are your top three priorities in life? Why? Are you living those priorities? Why or why not?

Read [Luke 5:12-26](#).

What do you find interesting about these accounts? What stands out to you as important?

When the leper sees Jesus, what does he say to Jesus? What does that mean?

What does the leper's question help us to understand about God healing people?

In the second account, some men bring their friend to Jesus. In fact, they go above and beyond to get him to Jesus. What were they hoping Jesus would do? What was Jesus' response (v.20)?

How would you have felt if you were the men who brought your friend to see Jesus? Would you have been content with what Jesus said?

In the end, the lame man was healed so that others would understand the authority Jesus has to forgive and to heal. This in the end upset the religious leaders. We see two perspectives in these accounts. Those who are content with God's will and those who desire their own will.

Mark of a Disciple: Submit to God's Will

It's hard to submit to God's will even if you are a disciple of Jesus. Disciples of Jesus nonetheless live a life that moves in the direction of God's will.

Why is it hard for you to always live in God's will?

The Lord's Prayer reminds us to seek and pray for God's will when we pray the word, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Have you ever stopped to consider what you are praying in this part of the prayer?

What does it mean when we pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done"?

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

How is this different from how we tend to treat God's will?

How can you change how you view God's will this week?

Some suggestions are to include, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done" as part of your prayers, spend time at the end of each day or in the morning reflecting on your day and acknowledging God's will for the day. The formal way of doing this is the prayer of The Examen which can be found on podcasts or youtube.

Prayer Time

Take prayer requests. Have everyone write them down so that each day you may pray for one another. Then, pray for each other before you close.

Are there any fears or concerns around the pandemic or recent events? Please be sensitive to each other and listen. Respond with encouragement from God's Word.