

▼ **Jesus Heals Ten Lepers**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ **Welcome!**

- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

▼ **Transition**

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▼ Embrace Jesus' Mission

- **Luke 4:14-21 (NIV) - The Lord's Spirit Is Upon Me**

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• Parallel / Related Passages

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▼ Narrative

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- Jesus notes that ten lepers were healed, but only a Samaritan returns to praise God.
- Jesus sends him on his way declaring that his faith has healed him.

▼ Observations / Background

- Luke presents Jesus as a new Moses leading his people to a new Exodus in Jerusalem.
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- The leper who returns praises God and, by falling at his feet, is offering a form of worship to Jesus. Jesus doesn't reject his worship.
- Jesus commends the gratitude displayed by the one Samaritan. He makes it clear that the nine others came up short in this area.
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▼ **Lessons**

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- Jesus is not reluctant to identify with praise directed towards God.
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▼ **Life Group**

▼ **Welcome (5 - 10 minutes)**

- [Icebreaker](#)

- **Worship (optional for life group meetings during Sunday service)**

- ▼ **Word - Discussion Questions**

For each question, spend 1 – 2 minutes in silence before you begin to respond.

- **What did this passage mean to the people who first received it?**
- **What does this passage mean to you?**
- **How will you apply this passage this coming week?**

- ▼ **Witness**

How will we work together as a team to be "good news" to the people around us?

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