

March 29, 2020
Digital Gathering: The Road to the Cross

“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving thanks”. And he was a Samaritan.” Luke 17:15-16

Forgiveness, Grace and Gratitude: The 10 Lepers

“Be thankful in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Prologue: – A Reminder - Because of the Cross and the Empty Tomb -Grace Has Gone Viral

Sermon Notes

Luke 17:11-19 ¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[b] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Cultivating Gratitude:

- Acknowledging Our Need
- Gratitude – As an Experience and a Spiritual Discipline
 - Relying on the Scripture(s) = The “Script” (aka Prompts for Prayer)
 - Cultivate Your Memory – Look back and celebrate what God has done.
 - Reflect/Re-frame – In Light of Scripture
 - Practice (and pray) “Nevertheless” Resting in the promise that Jesus is present w/us.

Hebrews 4: ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,^[i] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are.

¹⁶ **Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

Epilogue and Benediction: