

**LIFE LESSONS FROM A LEPER,  
A SOLDIER AND A MOTHER-IN-LAW  
(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 7)  
March 29, 2020**

**Matthew 8:1-17**

**LESSON FROM A LEPER**

Matthew 8:1-4

**Why everyone needs Jesus:**

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Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us from our \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON FROM A SOLDIER**

Matthew 8:5-13

**The faith that pleases Jesus:**

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Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us in his \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON FROM A MOTHER-IN-LAW**

Matthew 8:14-17

**The problems that go unnoticed by Jesus:**

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Jesus enables us to \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill-ins: Only he can bring new, restored life; cleanses; past; Trusting whatever Jesus says; includes; community; None; serve others*

**Life Group Questions for the Week of March 29, 2020**

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. On Sunday we talked about how the leprosy Jesus heals in Matthew 8 is a picture of sin and shares some similarities with it: (comes from within; is ugly; isolates us from others; numbs us to its impact; apart from Jesus, is incurable)

Which of the above characteristics of sin means the most to you and why?

3. What keeps people from realizing their need for Jesus to be the forgiver and leader of their life? How desperate do you think someone has to become to call on Jesus for forgiveness and cleansing?

4. How and in what ways does the new, restored life Jesus brings enable us to serve God and others?

5. What are some of the benefits of Jesus including someone in his community/family?

6. We saw Sunday that nothing that troubles Jesus' followers goes unnoticed by him (Mt. 8:14.) Discuss God's concern for his people according to the following verses (and any other verses that may come to mind):

Psalm 10:17; Psalm 22:24; Isaiah 65:24; 1 Peter 3:12; Luke 15:20

7. Read Matthew 8:5-13. Why do you think Jesus "marveled" at the soldier's faith? This is one of only two times the Scriptures say that Jesus was amazed by something. Read Mark 6:1-7 to see the other time he was amazed. When Jesus looks at your faith, what do you think his response is?

8. Often people confuse faith with positive thinking. They think that if they claim it, confess it, or believe something strong enough, their "faith" obligates God to grant their request. How does Hebrews 11:13 address this thinking?

9. Can you think of any examples in your life when you trusted God enough to do what he said? What was the outcome?

10. Can you think of any ways God might want to grow your trust in him this week?