

Mark 1:40-45 | *The Healing of a Leper*

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⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

QUESTIONS

1. Share with your CG:
 What main takeaways from today’s sermon has God impressed upon your heart?

2. Read v.41. How does Jesus’ cleansing of the leper parallel his ministry to sinners?
 What Scriptures (both OT and NT) comes to mind as you think about this question?

3. Share how Jesus exhibit His willingness and desire to heal and cleanse the leper?
 How was his reaction in stark contrast to what was expected of him?
 In what ways does this help you to trust God in a fuller way?

4. Discuss this in your CG:

In what ways am I different from the leper? In what ways am I just like him?

5. Read vv. 44-45. The leper did not heed Jesus' warning to say nothing to anyone.

What was the result or consequence of not following Jesus' instruction and warning (v. 45)?