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What is the biggest display of kindness or generosity you ever received? What was your response?

Read Luke 17:11-19.

What's happening in the passage?

Why did the ten lepers stand at a distance?

LEADER'S NOTE: Because of their disease there was a required legal distance of 100 paces to stand away from others.

Why did Jesus tell them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."?

LEADER'S NOTE: It was the priest that declared people clean. By this command he gave them an implied assurance that they would be healed; for the "design" for which they were to go was to exhibit the "evidence" that they were restored, and to obtain permission from the priest to mingle again in society. It may also be observed that this required no small measure of "faith" on their part, for he did not "first" heal them, and then tell them to go; he told them to go without "expressly" assuring them that they would be healed, and without, "as yet," any evidence to show to the priest.

When were the lepers healed?

LEADER'S NOTE: Verse 14, "And as they went, they were cleansed." Notice they did not have to touch Jesus to be healed.

Why do you think they were not healed instantaneously?

LEADER'S NOTE: So that they could demonstrate their faith by obeying what he commanded them to do.

After being healed, how many of the 10 lepers returned to thank Jesus?

Why do you think only one returned? What was the significance of him being a Samaritan?

Were the others ungrateful?

LEADER'S NOTE: No, they were grateful. They were just so preoccupied with going back to a normal life that they never stopped to go back and give thanks.

What has God healed or rescued you from? What was your response after?

LEADER'S NOTE: Ask for some real life examples but also remind the group of the ultimate rescue that Jesus did for us through his life, death, and resurrection. Colossians 1:13, "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves".

What do you still need to be healed from?

LEADER'S NOTE: Give examples that speak about inner healing as well as physical healing. This is a great time for members to reflect on emotional scars that still have not healed. Lead them in this time to realize that only Jesus can heal those wounds.

In what ways have we become too preoccupied with normal life that we forget to go back and give God thanks?

APPLICATION:

How will you give thanks to God this week for how he has rescued you?

PRAYER:

Oh God, we give you thanks for rescuing us. We give thanks to you because you are good. Your faithful love continues forever. Help us to always come to you with the proper worship that you deserve. In Jesus' name, Amen.