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LAST WEEK'S SESSION AT A GLANCE

As Jesus and His disciples passed through Samaria on their way back to Galilee from Judea, they stopped for a rest at Jacob's well near the city of Sychar (OT city of Shechem). Here Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman with a morally checkered past, revealed Himself as **the source of living water**, and taught her that **true worship is expressed in spirit and truth**. She believed, told others, and "Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him **because of the woman's testimony....**"

***HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S
SCRIPTURE PASSAGE...***

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT LIVING WATER (John 4)

John 4:7-14 – "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. *The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*"

John 4:19-24 – "...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. *God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

John 4:25-39 – *Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony.*⁵...

Note the contrast between chapter 3 and chapter 4 of John's gospel. In the former, Christ deals with a man (Nicodemus); in the latter, He deals with a woman. In the former, He deals with a ruler of the Jews; in the latter, a lowly Samaritan. In the former, He deals with a moral person; in the latter, an immoral person. Christ came to save all people and demonstrate that God's love transcends the barriers of race, religion, and rank in life.

THIS WEEK'S SESSION...

UNIT 22

JESUS THE HEALER

Session 1 – Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

1. Infirmary Leads to Desperate Cries to Jesus for Mercy (Luke 17:11-13)
2. Healing Leads to a Grateful Heart for What Jesus Had Done (Luke 17:14-16)
3. Faith Leads to a Greater Salvation in Christ (Luke 17:17-19)

THIS WEEK'S SESSION AT A GLANCE

We will read about a small crowd of lepers who were outcasts of society and, according to Leviticus, were ceremonially unclean. The lepers were desperate for healing and called out to Jesus for help. What followed was a lesson in what Jesus can do and the kind of heart that responds to Him. Here we find the truth of the gospel demonstrated: ***new life given***, ***gratitude flowing***, and ***faith that makes one truly well***.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- *What are some ways people experience separation from God and others because of sin?*
- *What are some commands in Scripture that require obedience in faith?*
- *What are some reasons you have for thanking God?*
- *Why should a heightened sense of your own unworthiness lead to a grateful attitude and worship of God for your salvation in Jesus?*
- *How can your gratitude and worship to God for salvation by faith in Jesus help you share the gospel with others?*

1. INFIRMITY LEADS TO DESPERATE CRIES TO JESUS FOR MERCY (Luke 17:11-13)

Luke 17:11 On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

Luke 17:12 And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

Luke 17:13 and lifted up their voices, saying,
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

***HE WAS MET BY TEN
LEPERS...***

The priest must pronounce him unclean; his disease is on his head. The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

- *Leviticus 13:44-46*

Concerning the plague of leprosy we may observe in general... Lepers were looked upon as stigmatized by the justice of God, and therefore it was left to His servants the priests, who might be presumed to know His mark best, to pronounce who were lepers and who were not... *That it was a figure of the moral pollution of men's minds by sin, which is the leprosy of the soul, defiling to the conscience, and from which Christ alone can cleanse us;* for herein the power of His grace infinitely transcends that of the legal priesthood, *that the priest could only convict the leper (for by the law is the knowledge of sin), but Christ can cure the leper, He can take away sin.*

- Matthew Henry₁₄

***IT WAS A FIGURE OF THE
MORAL POLLUTION OF
MEN'S MINDS BY SIN...***

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- Genesis 6:5

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked: who can
know it?

- *Jeremiah 17:9*

Because that, when they knew God,
they glorified Him not as God, neither
were thankful; but became vain in
their imaginations, and their foolish
heart was darkened.

- Romans 1:21

As it is written,* *There is none righteous, no, not one*: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

- *Romans 3:10-11*

* *Psalm 14:1-3*

The *doctrine of total depravity* asserts that people are, as a result of the fall, not inclined or even able to love God wholly with heart, mind, and strength, but rather are inclined by nature to serve their own will and desires and reject His rule. There is no righteousness in man's heart or right thinking in his mind by which he can come to God. This is total depravity.

***“JESUS, MASTER, HAVE
MERCY ON US”...***

It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail

not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.

The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

- Lamentations 3:22-26

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

- Zechariah (Luke 1:76-79)

“And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

- Mary (Luke 1:50,54-55)

2. HEALING LEADS TO A GRATEFUL HEART FOR WHAT JESUS HAS DONE (Luke 17:14-16)

Luke 17:14 When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

Luke 17:15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;

Luke 17:16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

“GO AND SHOW”...

As these men left Jesus and traveled to the priest, they knew arriving in their current state would do them no good. As they took those first steps, the lepers could not have understood how they could find healing on the way. In the path Jesus has called us to go, *we don't know what He might do on the way either, but we know this: when Jesus commands us clearly, we must act quickly.*

“Jesus was putting their faith to the test by asking these men to act as though they had been cured. And as they obeyed so it happened: ‘as they went they were cleansed.’”

- *Leon Morris, “Luke”*

Tyndale New Testament Commentaries

GIVING HIM THANKS...

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and
into His courts with praise: *be thankful
unto Him, and bless His name.*

- *Psalm 100:4*

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by
prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving*
let your requests be made known unto God.

- *Philippians 4:6*

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

***NOW HE WAS A
SAMARITAN...***

“But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.”

- *Luke 10:33*

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

- *John 4:9*

“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that *you are a Samaritan and have a demon?*” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.”

- *John 8:44,47-49*

3. FAITH LEADS TO A GREATER SALVATION IN CHRIST (Luke 17:17-19)

Luke 17:17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"

Luke 17:18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

Luke 17:19 *And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 14 – Justification by Faith: Justification refers to the moment when a person is objectively declared righteous before God based on the righteousness of Christ's atoning death. This act of declaration takes place through faith in Christ and not as a result of human works or effort.

NEXT WEEK

June 14, 2020

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– 2 Corinthians 13:14