



**Lesson Titles:**  
**Expressing Thanks**  
(Faith Pathway)  
**An Attitude of Gratitude**  
(Townsend Press Sunday School  
Commentary)

## LESSON 5 – July 4, 2021

**Summer 2021 Theme:**

Confident Hope

**Unit I:** Jesus Teaches about Faith

**Devotional Reading:** Isaiah 56:1-8

**Background Scripture:** Leviticus 13–14;

Luke 5:12-16; 17:11-19

**Print Passage:** Leviticus 13:45-46; Luke 17:11-19

**Key Verse(s):**

**One of them, when he saw that he was healed,  
turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God.**

(Luke 17:15, KJV)

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**One of them, when he saw he was healed,  
came back, praising God in a loud voice.**

(Luke 17:15, NIV)

### Questions to Consider:

1. What did the Leviticus Law require persons with leprosy to do?
2. What did the ten men with leprosy ask of Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say to the one man who returned in gratitude after his healing?

### Lesson Context:

- The book of Leviticus addresses the Levitical Law regarding the disease of leprosy and the issue of cleanliness as presented in the first outline of our lesson.
- Jesus had concluded His Galilean ministry and was making His way to Jerusalem for the final act of God's plan of redemption at Calvary.
- As Jesus and His disciples were traveling on their way to Jerusalem, they passed through Samaria and Galilee. They came upon a gathering of ten lepers who pleaded to Jesus for mercy.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to His disciples what it meant to be concerned for the foreigner, the outcasts, and those who have been marginalized by society.

### Lesson Aims

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Explore reasons why only one of ten healed lepers turned back to Jesus in thanksgiving.
- Sense the need in your life for increased expressions of gratitude to God.
- Develop a plan for showing thanksgiving to God and others on a daily basis.

## LESSON OUTLINES/KEY POINTS:

### I. A Cry of Unclean \_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 13:45-46)

**Key Point 1:** During biblical times, anyone with leprosy had to announce that they were \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Point 2:** Those who had the disease of Leprosy shared a common experience of misery that brought them together despite any religious or ethnic differences.

### II. A Cry for Unexplainable \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:11-14)

**Key Point 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ men with leprosy meet Jesus and ask for mercy.

**Key Point 2:** Jesus showed no hesitation or discomfort regarding the lepers.

### III. A Cry of Uncontrollable \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:15-19)

**Key Point 1:** Jesus showed no hesitation or discomfort regarding the lepers.

**Key Point 2:** Jesus questioned why the other healed lepers did not return to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

#### Lesson Summary:

- We learned from this week's lesson that God loves His entire human creation and calls us to do the same—love one another.
- This unit dealt with Jesus' teaching about faith. We have seen examples of incredible faith in the midst of hatred, discrimination, and pressure.
- Our future deliverance and breakthrough are connected to our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### What Do You Think?

(These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. What are the pros and cons of labeling people and isolating them as outcasts? Name some groups who have received such treatment. How can the church minister to them?  
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2. What obstacles keep people from trusting God and taking the appropriate steps of faith? Why do you think some wait until they are utterly desperate before calling on the Lord for help?  
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3. Is there a proper way to thank God for His goodness and grace?  
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As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:

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