

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens
12th Sunday of Luke

10 Healed of Leprosy

Read the Gospel Passage for this Sunday
Luke 17:12-19

Contextual Background:

-Leprosy was a contagious skin disease that affected many people at that time. The Jews had specific rules of “socially distancing” those who had leprosy from the rest of the community. If a leper was miraculously healed, there was a rule that said a priest had to examine them first before letting them back to the community, giving them a “clean bill of health”.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think all but one leper didn't come back?
 - a. They couldn't find Jesus
 - b. They were so excited to go see a priest to receive a “clean bill of health”
 - c. They weren't grateful enough to make the effort
 - d. They got what they wanted
 - e. They thought it was time something good happened to them.
 - f. They were busy telling others how they were healed
 - g. They were too busy reuniting with family, friends, and neighbors
 - h. They were only interested in the miracle, not the one who provided it

2. What was significant about the man who did return to thank Jesus?
 - a. As a Samaritan, being looked down on made him more grateful
 - b. The others received physical healing, but he received the greatest blessing: getting to know Jesus better
 - c. Being a foreigner shows that Jesus came to save EVERYONE
 - d. He provides an example for our attitude towards Jesus

3. Which can you relate to personally and in what way?
 - a. The pain of a physical condition
 - b. The pain of social barriers
 - c. Being more interested in what God can do for me than in God Himself
 - d. Neglecting gratitude towards God and towards others

4. Only one out of the 10 turned to God to give thanks. Why do you think it's so hard for ourselves and others to give thanks?
 - a. We feel we deserve something good
 - b. We just want things to go back to being normal
 - c. Things always seem to be bad so its hard to see what to be grateful for
 - d. It's hard to see what God or others have done for me/us
 - e. We don't know how to give thanks or be grateful
 - f. Nobody else seems to be grateful so its hard to learn how to be grateful
 - g. Other answers?

5. In terms of thank you notes...
 - a. How often do you write thank you notes?
 - b. When was the last time you wrote a thank you letter?
 - c. How was it received?
 - d. Are there any other ways you give thanks?

6. How do you express gratitude towards...
 - a. Your family
 - b. Your friends
 - c. Your teachers
 - d. Your priest/church
 - e. To Jesus

7. What are 5 things you can give gratitude to God for today?