



JESUS ON THE MOVE

TALK IT OVER

Jesus and Compassion

Jesus on the Move - Week 4

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

Scriptures

Mark 1:40-45, Leviticus 13:45-46, Colossians 3:12, Numbers 12:10-15, 2 Chronicles 26:19-21, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 20:34, Mark 9:22, Luke 7:13, Luke 10:33, Luke 15:20, Habakkuk 1:13

Questions

1. Leviticus 13:45-46 (NIV) says this about those with leprosy, “*Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp.*” How would you feel if you were a leper during biblical times? Talk about a time when you felt like an outcast? Who are the present day “lepers” in your society?
2. Although suffering is not necessarily caused by sin, the Israelites saw leprosy as a judgment (Miriam’s opposition to Moses in Numbers 12:10-15 and King Uzziah’s pride in 2 Chronicles 26:19-21). Have you ever felt suffering was a result of sin in your life? Why? How is being physically unclean symbolic of being spiritually unclean? How does sin deaden, deform, or isolate us?
3. Read Mark 1:40-45 (NIV). In the passage, the leper asks Jesus, “If you are willing, you can make me clean,” and Jesus answers, “I am willing... Be clean!” What stood out to you about this interaction, and why do you think Jesus chose to touch him before healing him? What does the leper’s bold request teach us about faith and humility?
4. The Greek word for “filled with compassion” is *Splagchnizomai*, which is a visceral, physical reaction that compels a response. Read the verses listed below. Like Jesus, how can we show compassion toward people in different circumstances? (Matthew 14:14 - Healed the sick and

fed the hungry; Matthew 20:34 - Touched the eyes of two blind men and healed them; Mark 9:22 - Freed the boy from demonic oppression; Luke 7:13 - Brought the widow's only son back to life; Luke 10:33 - The Good Samaritan took pity on the man; Luke 15:20 - The father ran to the prodigal son.)

5. When someone is struggling, is your first instinct to judge or to help? Compassion is the nature of God and is every Christian's assignment. Jesus' compassion moved him to action. How is this different from having sympathy?
6. Colossians 3:12 (NIV) says, "*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*" It can be overwhelming when we see so many people in need. Who is in front of you that you can love right now? What one thing will you do to help?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

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