

THANKSGIVING LESSON



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Luke 17:11-19

DAY 1

Luke 17:11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. (NASB)

- Samaria was a predominantly Gentile region.
- Samaritans were generally considered “half-breeds” and were universally despised by the Jews.
- Galilee was a region where interracial mixing between Jews and Gentiles was common, thus Jews often looked down on Galileans.

DAY 2

Luke 17:12-13 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (NASB)

- Leprosy—A generic term that, in biblical times, could be applied to a variety of skin disorders.
- Those infected were considered unclean and were ostracized from society and temple life according to Mosaic Law (Lev. 13:45-46; Num. 5:2-3).
- Lepers would congregate with one another since they were outcasts and had no company besides others afflicted with this same disease.

DAY 3

Luke 17:14 When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were going, they were cleansed. (NASB)

- Jesus instructed them to go show themselves to the priests—while they were still lepers!
- The immediate departure of the lepers was an act that truly required the men to step out on faith.
- As a result of their faith the men were healed of their leprosy as they traveled to the priest.



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DAY 4

Luke 17:15-16 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. (NASB)

- Instead of continuing on his way to present himself to the priest, one man returned to Jesus to thank Him first.
- The fact that Luke mentioned that the man who returned to thank Jesus was a Samaritan suggests that the other men were Jews.
- When was a time when you misjudged someone?

DAY 5

Luke 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? (NASB)

- The 9 obeyed Christ to the letter. They went to the priest to be declared clean.
- When have you obeyed the letter of the law but neglected its spirit?
- Cleansed = to be cleaned from ritual impurity

DAY 6

Luke 17:18 Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” (NASB)

- Foreigner = non-Jewish person
- The foreigner, the most unlikely candidate of the 10 to praise God, was the only one who returned in thankfulness.
- When have you seen an unlikely person be genuinely thankful?

DAY 7

Luke 17:19 And He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.” (NASB)

- Faith = belief characterized by complete trust and reliance
 - Who/what do you have faith in?
 - Made well can be translated as either “healed” or “saved.”
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