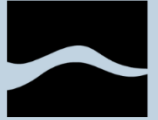


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS CLEANSING OF THE UNCLEAR

Mark 1:35-45



BIG IDEA: Jesus not only has the power to heal but also the authority to cleanse the unclean and restore the outcast to God.

APPLICATION GUIDE

MARCH 30, 2025

DISCUSS

Can you think of a time when you felt like an outsider—like you didn't belong or weren't welcome? What did that experience teach you about yourself or others?

Why do you think Jesus prioritized getting alone to pray, even after a successful night of ministry? What does this tell us about His relationship with the Father?

How did Jesus respond when the disciples urged Him to return to the crowds in Capernaum? What does this reveal about His purpose?

What stands out to you about the way the leper approached Jesus—and how Jesus responded to him? What makes this encounter remarkable?

APPLY

What keeps you from regularly withdrawing to pray like Jesus did? What would it look like for you to “make space” for prayer this week?

Are there areas in your life where you're asking Jesus to meet your expectations instead of joining Him in His mission? How can that change?

Do you struggle to believe that Jesus can or wants to cleanse the deep areas of your life? What would it look like to come to Him like the leper—humbly and honestly?

COMMIT

This week, ask the Lord to show you one area where you feel “unclean” or distant—and then come to Him in prayer, trusting His compassion and authority to cleanse and restore.

Further Study:

Read Leviticus 13–14: How does Old Testament teaching about leprosy deepen your understanding of Jesus' encounter with the leper in Mark 1?

Read Psalm 103:1–14. How does this psalm help you understand Jesus' compassion and authority to forgive, heal, and restore the broken? What connections do you see with His interaction with the leper?