



HOME GROUP STUDY

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Series: JESUS MOVES IN POWER - Jesus Cleanses

Mark 1 v40-45

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QUESTIONS

Three things we learn about Jesus and one thing we learn about ourselves

Icebreaker: In this passage, Jesus' becomes instantly famous. What would it be like if you became instantly famous?

1. HE IS APPROACHED BY DESPERATE PEOPLE

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Q1: What in the approach of this man could have pleased Jesus?

2. HIS HEART IS MOVED BY SUFFERING

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Q2: Why was the instant healing of this man obviously miraculous?

3. HE WORKS DESPITE OPPOSITION AND UNBELIEF

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Q3: Why does Jesus give this instruction to the healed man?

4. HUMAN BEHAVIOUR IS OFTEN CHAOTIC

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Q4: Why does the man ignore Jesus' instructions?

Q5: Does the man critically damage Jesus' ministry?

Q6: Does this passage give us hope when we let Jesus down?

A PRAYER

Loving Heavenly father thank you that you are approached by desperate people and when you are your heart is moved by their suffering. Thank you that you work despite opposition and unbelief amidst the chaos of this world. I bring to you a situation in my life or the life someone else which needs your cleansing power and in a moment of silence, I name it before you now (silence).

Help me approach you with the same sincerity of heart that this man approached you and recognise that above all the wonderful things you do in Jesus Christ your Son and through the work of your mighty powerful Holy Spirit, you cleanse. Amen.