

Taking it Deeper - Discussion notes
Jesus is Willing, Be Clean
Mark 1.40-45
AGIF January 13

Sunday summary - Perhaps you know God is able to make you whole, but you wonder if he is willing. In Jesus' encounter with the leper we see he is both able and willing - in fact, the question actually makes him indignant.

We'd like to try this - asking for prayer for one thing in our church, a church-wide request for us to pray for each week. See bottom for this week's request.

Intro question: When's the last time you had to visit the hospital for yourself?

Read Mark 1.40-45

Why is the leper unsure of Jesus' willingness to help him? (See Leviticus 13, especially verses 45-46)

What is significant about Jesus touching the leper as he was healing him?

What atmosphere do we need in our church to be a place where we are happy to touch unclean people?

How can we build such an atmosphere?

If you had to ask God for healing now, in what area would it be? Physical, emotional, spiritual, relational?

Prayer suggestion: Is someone willing to let the group pray for them?

If so, try it this way:

- invite the person to be in the middle, ask them to close their eyes and be still, everyone else keep your eyes open
- invite the Holy Spirit
- wait quietly for a while
- each of you pray out loud what you see God doing right now in the person's life

When you're done, ask them how they are doing. Repeat for someone else if there's time.

Church-wide prayer request:

Please pray for God's presence at our all-church leaders day on Saturday.