

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 4 - October 10, 2020

Desiring the Kingdom

2 Kings 5:1-14 - Hope for the Leper

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If you could revisit one time period in your life for one week, when would it be? Why?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

Healing from leprosy requires a work of God and is received through a response of faith.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 5:1.** How is Naaman described in this passage? What was his downfall? What is his downfall a picture of?
 - a. What is the progression of Naaman's malady? What is the prognosis? Does this describe the progression and prognosis of sin in our lives? In what ways?
 - b. What is the cure for such a malady? **Read Luke 5:12-13.** What is the cure for sin in our lives?
2. **Read 2 Kings 5:2-4.** What advice does Naaman receive? Do you see God's hand in what occurs in this passage? Has God ever sent someone to you that advised you in a time of need? Describe your situation.
3. **Read 2 Kings 5:5-9.** What did Naaman think he needed for his healing? Relate this to what many believe they need for the remission of their sins. **Read Job 31:24-28.** What does this passage say about trusting in riches alone?
 - a. Who did Naaman seek first to help him? **Read Matthew 7:7.** Based on this passage, whom should we as believers seek?

- b. When Elisha heard the king was troubled with Naaman's request, how did he respond?. Compare this to how God responds to our needs.
- 4. **Read 2 Kings 5:10-14.** How did Naaman first respond to the direction given by Elisha's messenger. Why did he respond in this way?
 - a. **Read Romans 10:9.** How would you describe to someone how something so simple can save a person? Is this any more difficult than what Elisha required from Naaman?
 - b. **Read 2 Kings 5:16-17.** Do you see a parallel between Naaman's response to his healing and what our response should be to our forgiveness from sin? Explain your answer.

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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