

- Sing one or two songs from morning worship (printed in bulletin, available at [redeemerprestemple.org](http://redeemerprestemple.org) under the “Resources” tab)
- Read the Scripture passage (printed below and in bulletin)
- Pray with a specific focus on people and situations in the group (spiritual growth, needs, encouragement, rejoicing)
- Pray for the truths discussed from the Scripture study to more deeply permeate our lives and empower us for service and mission together.

### Discussion Questions

1. Has there been a time in your life where you experienced feelings of isolation and loneliness? How might that experience help you empathize with the leper's plight?
2. What can we learn from the leper's approach to Jesus, and his words, "If you will, you can make me clean"?
3. How does the leper's uncleanness and Jesus' cleansing touch serve as a parable for our own spiritual condition?
4. Jesus' touch was the necessary first touch, to be followed by the priest, then family and friends. What does this teach us about how reconciliation and restoration happen?
5. Luke says "Jesus would withdraw to desolate places and pray." The kingdom of God does not advance through plans and programs, but through prayer. What would it look like for Redeemer to be a praying church? How can we cultivate a life of prayer together? Pray together as a community group that God would make us increasingly dependent upon him in prayer.

### Announcements

- **EASTER BRUNCH Muffins** + Mimosas Sunday, March 31 starting at 9am
- **WOMEN'S IN-TOWN RETREAT** Save the date for April 12-13

## Luke 5:12-16

12 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 13 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. 14 And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." 15 But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.