



LESSON 11: JESUS HEALS TEN MEN OF LEPROSY

DEEPER BIBLE: IS JESUS UNHAPPY WHEN WE DON'T THANK HIM?

Supplies

- Bibles
- paper

Introduce

Today we learned that although Jesus healed 10 men of leprosy, only one came back to thank him. Let's reread what Jesus said to that man.

Luke 17:17-18

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

What do you think Jesus thought when the other nine men didn't thank him? How do you think Jesus feels when **we** don't thank him?

Sometimes when we read the Bible aloud, we add our own emotions in the way we say the words. We need to think about whether that was **really** the tone Jesus had. Let's read Jesus' question in different ways and think about what he really meant. Then we'll think about this: Is Jesus unhappy when **we** don't thank him? Let's dig in to that.

Read in Different Ways

Read Luke 17:17-18 in an angry voice, then in a whiny voice, then in a surprised voice, and then in a sad voice. Re-read Luke 17:17-18 with emphasis on the following different words when reading.

- I
- ten
- where
- other
- no one
- returned
- God
- foreigner

We just read Jesus' questions with different emotions and emphasis. Which do you think is the way Jesus really spoke? Why? If you're right about the way Jesus really spoke it, do you think Jesus was unhappy with the other nine? Explain.

Dig Deeper

The truth is, we weren't there, so we don't know exactly how Jesus asked his questions. And even if we **were** there, we wouldn't have been able to read his mind. But we know that Jesus loves us, and Jesus deserves our thanks! When we love Jesus, we thank him because we want to recognize what he does—not because we're afraid he'll get mad at us if we don't. Let's read some Bible verses that show how important thanks is to Jesus.

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

How can you show thanks to Jesus by what you do? by what you say?

1 Thessalonians 5:18

¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

When is it hard to be thankful? How can you try to be more thankful? Jesus deserves our thanks. He loves us even when we don't say thanks, but giving thanks is important to him. We can thank him in what we say and do no matter what's going on in our lives. There's always something to thank Jesus for!