

# ONE THING MORE...

Sermon-Based Study Guide  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
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## I. Introduction to this Study

This week we continue our series in the topic of gratitude. What's God's PURPOSE for gratitude to be reflected in our lives, in our hearts, and with our actions?

In the story from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus meets a group of 10 men with leprosy. Due to their disfiguring disease, lepers were considered "unclean" and were required to keep a distance from others. Only after being declared healed and "clean" by a priest could a leper reenter society.

At least one of the 10 was a Samaritan - and he was the only one to return to Jesus and share an emphatic, "THANK YOU..."

## II. Connecting with One Another

Who do you know that has/lives out - a spirit of gratitude?

How do you feel most comfortable thanking others (notes, in person, take them out to lunch, etc....)?

## III. Study the Text

### a. Read 2 Kings 5.1-14 and Luke 17.11-19.

What are common themes in these two biblical stories? What are some differences? What is the spiritual lesson(s) to be learned?

### b. The story of the 10 lepers is only found in Luke's Gospel. Do you find any significance in that fact?

### c. Why do you think Jesus sent the lepers to the priests rather than healing them "right there"?

### d. The Samaritan alone returns to Jesus after being healed. Samaritans claimed to be descendants of Israel - they followed a different version of the faith of Israel than that of the Jews (Jerusalem). Their Pentateuch was different, and they believed Mt. Gerizim was the proper place for the temple to worship God.

What's the significance of Luke highlighting that this man is a Samaritan? How does this man's action demonstrate "increasing" faith?

### e. On another note, the man who was healed praised God in a loud voice and threw himself at Jesus' feet. What keeps you from being that expressive of your thanks to Jesus?



- f. Discuss what you think might have been going on with the other nine men (Jewish men???) ...
- g. This passage appears to be a simple healing account. But this miracle is not like most other miracles, since the healing itself is not emphasized as much as the reaction to it. Do you agree? Discuss.

#### IV. Pray

- a. Whom do you need to thank for what they have done for you? How will you go about conveying your thanks to them?
- b. Pray that God would give Good Shepherd grateful hearts, words, and "eyes" to see - how we can continue (with thanksgiving!) to invite all people to grow into a Christ-centered life in God's family.
- c. How can express your gratitude to Jesus right now?
- d. How can this group pray for you?

#### V. Digging Deeper

- a. The Lord's graciousness is often ignored and underappreciated. What are some reasons that come to mind, why this attitude appears among a wide range of people in this world?
- b. When it comes to showing gratitude to God, are you more like the one who returned or the nine who didn't?
- c. How has Jesus healed or "cleansed" you in the past? How do you need His healing or "cleansing" now?
- d. There may be one other lesson in the exchange between Jesus and the Samaritan man... God's grace, even though it is extended to all, does not mean that all gain salvation. Discuss - engage - wrestle with -- go back to last week's study questions too!

