

The Sight That Saves

Luke 17:11-19 ▪ May 24, 2026 ▪ Nick Braitto

Jesus sees _____. (11-14)

Do we see _____? (15-18)

_____ and _____. (19)

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¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Why do we often simultaneously long to be seen and yet do our best to cover up our true selves?

Read & Discuss: Luke 17:11-19

1. Where do you see Jesus' compassion in this story? How does His response to the lepers show that He notices and cares for people others overlook? Where do you find it difficult to show this kind of compassion? How are you grateful for Jesus' compassion in your own life?
2. Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests, and the text notes that "as they went they were cleansed." Why do you think Jesus chose to heal them *along the way* rather than instantly on the spot? How does their example invite us to trust and obey Jesus, even when we haven't yet seen His power at work?
3. All ten are healed, but only one returns to Jesus (vv. 15–16). What do you think the Samaritan realized or recognized that the others missed? What are some reasons we might enjoy God's gifts without truly seeing the Giver? Where do you see this dynamic in your own walk with God?
4. Why do you think the other nine didn't return? What are some subtle ways we can drift into a "receive the gift, forget the Giver" pattern? How can comfort, routine, or answered prayer sometimes dull our awareness of Jesus rather than sharpen it?
5. Jesus says to the Samaritan, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well" (v. 19). As you look over this account, where do you see evidence of this man's faith? (From his behavior, how would you describe what faith is?) How do you think his life would be different from this point on?
6. The Samaritan "turned back" to Jesus in the middle of his journey. What might it look like for us to turn back to Jesus in the middle of our week—in ordinary moments, routines, or blessings? How can we cultivate a posture of remembering and turning our attention to Jesus throughout our day?
7. Why is it significant that the only one who returns is a Samaritan—someone doubly marginalized (being both a leper and a Samaritan)? What does this reveal about the kind of people who often see Jesus most clearly? Where have you seen this to be true?

Apply: Where in your life is Jesus inviting you to "turn back" and see Him more clearly—in gratitude, in trust, or in obedience? What is one practical step you can take this week to respond to Him with the same wholeheartedness as the Samaritan?

Pray: Thank Jesus that He sees us in our need, meets us with mercy, and invites us to see Him with saving faith. Ask God to give us eyes to notice His presence, hearts that return to Him in gratitude, and lives that reflect the joy of being seen and saved by Christ.