The Call of the First Disciples

Scripture: Luke 5:12-16

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Overview

Only Jesus is willing and able to cleanse you. This passage shows Jesus' unique compassion and qualification as the ultimate healer of our physical and spiritual illness. Although the experience of leprosy in our times is rare, we all carry the need to be cleansed from our *spiritual* uncleanliness of corruption and guilt.

Corroborating Texts

Psalm 51, 1 John 1:5-9, Hebrews 10:19, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Discussion Questions

- 1. Who are the people that our culture considers to be "unclean?"
- 2. Like dousing ourselves in cheap cologne in lieu of a shower, how are we prone to compensate for our unrighteousness?
- 3. When faced with our unrighteousness, we will often respond with denying, minimizing, or embracing it. Which tendency do you have to guard your heart against the most?
- 4. This event brought more attention to Jesus but He still prioritized His time alone with His Father. What are things that tend to get in the way of your time alone with God?
- 5. In what way do you need to trust Christ more—His **willingness** (compassion) or His **ability** (sufficiency) to cleanse our unrighteousness?
- 6. The leper proclaimed his healing at the hands of Jesus. Is there someone in your life who needs to hear of how Jesus has healed your soul?

