

**WHERE
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Luke 17:11–19

Theme: Gratitude, Obedience, and Wholeness

Goal: To help believers reflect on how obedience and gratitude to Jesus open the door to healing, restoration, and deeper relationship with Him.

1. Opening

Leader:

Welcome everyone! Today, we're exploring a familiar but powerful story of ten men who were healed by Jesus—but only one returned to give thanks. As we dive into Luke 17, we'll reflect on what it means to obey God when it doesn't make sense, how easy it is to forget our blessings, and how gratitude brings us closer to Jesus.

2. Scripture Reading

Have someone read Luke 17:11–19 aloud.

Then ask:

What stood out to you in this passage?

Did anything surprise or convict you?

3. Discussion Questions

A. Jesus Walks Through Rejected Places (v.11)

1. Why do you think Jesus passed through Samaria and Galilee—areas avoided by most Jews?
2. What does this tell us about the kind of people Jesus is drawn to?

Follow-up: Have you ever felt like an outsider? How does knowing Jesus walks through rejected places encourage you?

B. The Cry for Mercy (vv.12–13)

3. Why did the lepers have to stand at a distance?
4. What does their cry—“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”—reveal about their condition and their faith?

Follow-up: What does calling Jesus “Master” mean to you personally?

C. Obedience Before the Miracle (v.14)

5. Jesus told the men to go to the priest before they were healed. Why is this significant?

6. Has God ever asked you to obey Him before you saw the result? How did you respond?

Follow-up: What does this teach us about faith and trust?

D. Where Are the Nine? (vv.15–18)

7. Only one man returned to give thanks. Why do you think the others didn't?

8. What keeps us from expressing gratitude to God consistently?

Follow-up: Do you relate more to the one who returned or the nine who didn't? Why?

E. The Greater Reward (v.19)

9. All ten were healed, but only one was told, "Your faith has made you well." What's the difference between healing and wholeness?

10. How does gratitude deepen our relationship with God?

4. Key Takeaways

Ask the group to reflect and share:

- * One thing they learned
- * One thing they're convicted about
- * One action they'll take this week in response

Summary Points for Leader:

- * Jesus sees and responds to outcasts.
- * Obedience—even before results—unlocks miracles.
- * Gratitude brings us closer to God and opens us to deeper wholeness.
- * Don't be part of the nine—be the one who returns with praise.

5. Prayer Time

Invite group members to share prayer requests. Then lead a time of prayer based on the themes of the study:

Prayer Prompts:

- * Thank God for His mercy and healing—even when we didn't deserve it.
- * Ask God to help us obey even when it's hard or confusing.

* Confess any ingratitude and ask for a heart of thanksgiving.

* Pray for deeper wholeness—not just healing, but restoration in every part of life.

6. Suggested Activity (Optional / At-Home Assignment)

Gratitude Challenge:

This week, keep a gratitude journal. Each day, write down 3 things you're thankful for—especially things you've taken for granted. At the end of the week, reflect on how it changed your mindset.