CLEANSING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Luke 5:12-26

THE WORDS AND THE WAY
OF JESUS

SERMON QUESTIONS

- What is surprising about the leper's actions and Jesus' response in verses 12 and 13? (See Leviticus 13:45–46.)
- How does the healing of this suffering man point to Jesus' greater mission? (See Luke 4:16-21.)
- What can we learn today from Jesus' practice of intentional isolation and prayer (Luke 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1; 22:39-46) that we see in verse 16?
- In verses 16–26, Jesus heals another person. How is this account similar and different from what we saw in verses 12–15?
- In verses 20–21, why is Jesus' response to the paralytic and his friends so scandalous to the religious leaders?
- What does Jesus teach the religious leaders about the authority of the "Son of Man" here? See Daniel 7:13-14 for what they would have known about this promised figure.
- How was forgiveness tied to Jesus' ultimate mission?
- What are some ways that you could respond to God today for the forgiveness that you have received in Jesus?

MEMORY VERSES: PSALM 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.