

Friday 12th February 2021



LC: How did Jesus change the lives of others?

LC: Understand how church services help to make the world the way Jesus wanted it to be?

Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy -Mark 1:40-44.

A man with leprosy^[a] came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

Jesus was indignant.^[b] He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

This shows us the importance of showing love to all. Jesus taught his followers not to judge people by what they looked like or what others thought of them. Everyone, even outcasts and needy people, were important to him.

Consider the following questions.

1) Would you want to be near, or touch, someone who was infectious and why?

2) Why did Jesus touch and heal the leper?

3) How does the story of Jesus healing the leper show us how he wanted the world to be?

Churches offer many services to the communities they serve.

4) Which do you feel is the most important and why?

5) What might they offer to the people?

6) How might they change lives?

7) How is the church leader following Jesus and fishing for people?
