

“The Miracle Worker”

Series: Something Greater

Luke 5:12-14

1. Luke 5:12-14
2. Luke 5:12 “While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy”
3. Luke 5:12 “And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, Lord, if you will, you can make me clean”
4. **“Leprosy is an ugly but accurate illustration of our spiritual condition before we are healed by the gospel. Sin makes us unclean. Our depravity is a disfiguring disease that distorts the person God created us to be. Indeed, it is a kind of living death, because the bible says apart from Christ we are dead in our trespasses.” Philip Ryken**
5. Picture – beggar (attached)
6. **“Jesus demands a radical response of some kind. You could denounce him for being evil, or you may flee from him because he’s a lunatic, or you can fall down and worship him for being God. All of those reactions make sense; they are consistent with the reality of his words. But what you can’t do is respond moderately. You must not say to him, “Nice teaching. Very helpful. You are a fine thinker.” That is simply dishonest.” – Timothy Keller**
7. Luke 5:12-13 “And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, I will; be clean. And immediately the leprosy left him.”
8. Romans 3:23-24
9. Luke 5:14
10. **“Something is radically wrong when the local church rejects a person accepted by Jesus. Any church that will not accept that it consists of sinful men and women, and exists for them, implicitly rejects the gospel of grace. And though it is true that the church must always dissociate itself from sin, it can never have any excuse for keeping any sinners at a distance. If the church remains self-righteously aloof from failures, irreligious and immoral people, it cannot enter justified into God’s kingdom. But if it is constantly aware of its guilt and sin, it can live in joyous awareness of forgiveness. The promise has been given to it that anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.”– Brennan Manning**