



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 4, Episode 16

The Leper Scholar

Join us today as we examine how the Messiah heals even lepers.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we discussed how the Pharisees investigated messianic claims and their interactions with John the Baptist.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

Discussion

Have someone read aloud [Mark 1:39-42](#)

1. Who are the two people who were healed of leprosy, and what is the significance of those two people being healed?

Bible Verses about leprosy and the Law

2. How does the Levitical Law contextualize our understanding of leprosy and the lives lepers lived?

Numbers 9 - Miriam's leprosy and Naaman's leprosy

3. What are the differences and similarities between these two accounts in the Old Testament of people healed from leprosy?



4. What does this story reveal to us about the character and nature of Jesus, and how does it remind us of how Jesus sees and responds to us?

Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

1. How does Miriam being stricken with leprosy remind us about the weight of our sin against God? How should we respond to our sin in light of this?
2. When you are hit with disease or other sudden difficulties in life, how have you reacted, or how do you think you would react?
3. What do you think Jesus would say to you or someone who is suffering?
4. How can we show compassion to those who are suffering as Jesus did?

Pray

Share prayer requests and pray as a group at the end of your conversation. Here is a prompt:

1. Are you struggling with a disease, difficulty in life, or a persistent sin? Spend some time praying for these things as a group.

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Catch up on Seasons 1 - 3 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes, on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* [webpage](#).

The Forgotten Jesus Book

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life into Jewish men and women. You can buy it [here](#).

