LifeGroup Meeting

Jesus Is My Hero 9 "Jesus is Approachable!"

Get To Know You Question:

Who was the craziest person you ever met?

Let's Dig Deeper

Jesus is my hero because no matter who I am, what I have done, or what I have become, Jesus is always approachable!

- 1. Someone read Matthew 8
 - Write down a list of each of the miracles that Jesus performs and who he performed them for. What do all these miracles have in common? What makes each different than the rest?
 - Someone read Psalms 27. This is a Messianic Psalm. How does what we see about Jesus in Matthew 8 connect to the things said about him in Psalms 27
 - Read **Exodus 15:26**. Discus how this passage relates to the condition of the people in Israel Jesus found when he began his public ministry.
- 2. In **Leviticus 13 and 14**, God instructs the priests on how to recognize leprosy, and how to isolate the disease. Nowhere in the Bible is there any mention of how to cure leprosy. Only God Himself could cleanse the leper. With that in mind, why did Jesus choose to heal this leper, and what does this prove about Jesus?
- **3.** Leprosy is considered a word picture or "type" for sin. It spreads on the flesh, and there is no cure for it. What do you think sin and leprosy have in common?
- 4. This is the first time in the Gospels that anyone calls Jesus "Lord". What is the significance of seeing Jesus as Lord?
 - Oftentimes Jesus is seen as our Savior, but what is it about Jesus that makes him our Lord?
 - What does Lord mean to you when you associate it with Jesus?
- **5.** Someone read again **Matthew 8:2-3**

- Why did the leper *kneel* before Jesus?
 - **i.** What did that action mean for him?
- Why did he ask to be *made clean* rather than be healed?
 - ii. Was he sick or dirty?
- How come a holy person like Jesus *touched* an unclean person?
 - Wouldn't that defile Jesus?
- **6.** How important is social status to you? How important is it to our Lord?
 - How would you handle a severe disease and/or being a social outcast? What would Christ mean to you then?
- 7. Name as many character traits you see by this leprous man with his encounter with Jesus.
 - Are there any character traits you see in this man that is lacking in your life? Why do you think that is?
- 8. The whole point of this story is to show the world that Jesus is in fact God, for only God can cure leprosy. But secondly, that Jesus is always approachable.
 - How does knowing that Jesus is always approachable, not matter what you have done or become mean to you?
 - How often do you approach Jesus with the everyday things of your life?
- 9. Pray.