

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Over Sickness and Disease

1. Read through the verses in Sunday's teaching slowly – Matt 8: 1- 4, 14- 17. Put yourself in the place of the man with leprosy for a moment. What would it have been like to experience that desperation? That healing touch? The assignment to go to the priest?
2. When have you needed to pray a prayer similar to the one in 8:2- “Lord if you are willing, you can make me (or “please make me”) clean”. What was your experience in this? How do we know that God is willing to heal? What possibilities do your thoughts go to when He does not heal?
3. In these moments when we are focused on urgent need for healing, how does Jesus show that He has authority over disease and pain? Can He still have this authority and not heal? What is required of us if we choose TO PURSUE HIM when we are not experiencing healing for ourselves or someone else?
4. What role of encouragement might we have in each other's lives when Jesus' healing seems illusive? What insight do these verses add when we are moving closer to the God who is “over” healing?
Luke 4: 17- 20; Psalm 103: 2- 4; Psalm 147: 2- 3; 2 Cor 12: 1- 10