JESUS CARES

(Luke 5:12-16)

See also Matthew 8:1-4 & Mark 1:40-45

- I. A VERY ______ SITUATION (12-13)
 - A. Only to Humans
 - 1. Leprosy in Israel
 - 2. The Leper has _____
 - 3. Jesus is not _____
- II. TWO _____ COMMANDS (14)
 - A. Don't Tell Anyone (14A)
 - B. Obey the Law (14B)
- III. JESUS KNOWS TIME WITH GOD IS _____ (15-16)
 - A. The Enticement of the Crowd (15)
 - B. Time With God Trumps People's Needs (16)

IV. DOES JESUS _____ CARE?

- A. He ______ Heal Everyone (Lk. 4:24-27)
- B. What About _____ Pain?

- C. The Truth of Heaven
 - 1. Resurrection
 - 2. Vindication / Justice
 - 3. Everything Is Good

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1.) Have you ever been the "leper" in a certain situation? Have you ever seen it happen to someone else? How did it feel to be rejected by everyone? Can you imagine no one wanting to be around you?

2.) What do you think went through the leper's mind when Jesus reached out and touched him? How important is human touch? Is there someone who needs your touch?

3.) Read Leviticus 13:1-45 & 14:1-32. Write down what you learn about infectious skin diseases. (Leprosy) "Unclean" means ceremonially unacceptable to God.

4.) Eric said that the Jews believed that healing someone from leprosy was on a par with raising someone from the dead. What impact do you think this healing would have had on the Jewish leaders? What impact should it have had?

5.) How did the Leper disobey Jesus? See Mark 1:40-45. What was the result? Do you think Jesus was upset with him? Why or why not? Would you have disobeyed Jesus?

6.) Read the following verses. Write down the priorities of each person and their habits.

Mark 1:35

Daniel 6:10-11

Psalm 5:3; 88:13

Exodus 33:8-11

Luke 10:38-42

7.) Read John 17:3. How is eternal life defined in this verse? What are the implications of this for our daily priorities? Why is it so important to "go out to the wilderness" to spend time with God? What is your habit for making time with God your priority?

8.) Read Psalm 42. Why does David want so desperately to meet with God? (vs. 1&2) Do you think David would be a positive witness to God's care at this point in his life? What commitment does David make, even though he is clearly disappointed with God?

9.) Is it OK to be upset and disappointed with God? Why or why not? How do you help someone who is questioning whether or not God cares about their situation?

10) What one thing does God want you to do as a result of this week's message and study? Who will you ask to hold you accountable?