

5. How does Isaiah 6:1-7 mark a change regarding holiness that prefigures the work of Christ on the cross?

Isaiah 6:1-7 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

6. How did Jesus meet your greatest needs when you met him and began to follow him?

Meeting Jesus

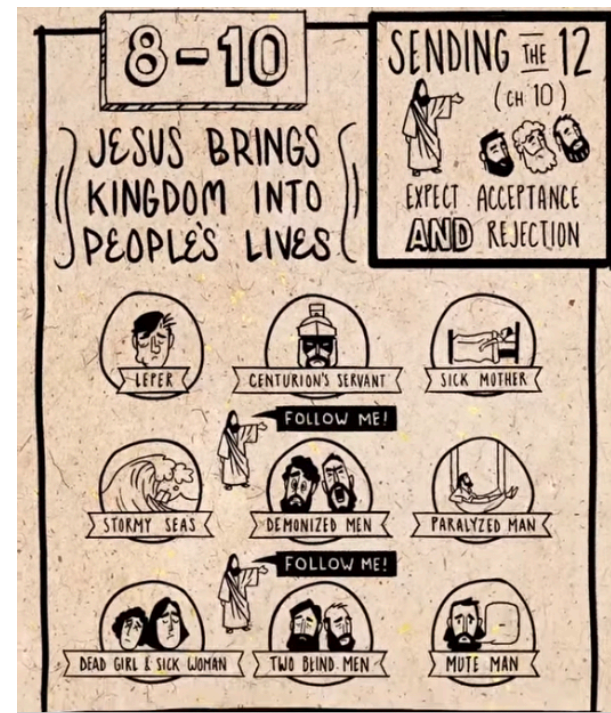
“Will Jesus Help Someone Like Me?”

Matthew 8:1-4

Series Introduction

Meeting Jesus is a _____ encounter that redirects us in a new and exciting direction.

Jesus’s call to discipleship is not just a call to an _____ way of life; following Jesus is the only way to be transformed and to live in the realm where God is king, the realm of his rule and reign.



Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



“Are you willing to help someone like me?”

Clean and Holy

- Holiness is a word that describes how powerfully perfect and utterly _____ God is.
- Proximity to God is dangerous because he's so good, and we're not. It's like the sun, which gives life and is good for us, but if you get too close to it, you die.
- Holiness speaks to moral purity and ritual purity. These are not the same thing.
- Ritual purity is a state where you separate yourself from anything related to death, including diseased skin, dead bodies, and certain bodily fluids (Leviticus 11-15)
- Becoming ritually impure isn't necessarily sinful under the Law. What's sinful, under the Law, is waltzing into God's presence when you're in an impure state.
- The man with the skin disease isn't morally impure because of his skin; he's ritually impure.

Contagious Holiness

When it comes to ritual purity, God used their cultural sensibilities and sensitivities to communicate important _____.

Isaiah sees all the ugliness and the _____ of his sin in contrast with the glory and purity of God. He's not only ritually unclean, but he's also morally unclean.

In Isaiah's and Ezekiel's visions, cleanness and holiness become _____.

Instead of unclean people getting clean before they can _____ Jesus, Jesus (who is Emmanuel, God with us) approaches the unclean and makes them clean by his touch.

Works Consulted and Resources Recommended:

- BibleProject "Holiness" video
- Tim Mackie (co-founder of BibleProject) sermon on Matthew 8:1-4 - bit.ly/3J6RKum
- The Holiness of God by R.C. Sproul
- Holier Than Thou: How God's Holiness Helps Us Trust Him by Jackie Hill Perry

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What's the best stain removing product you've ever used?
3. Read Matthew 4:1-4. Describe the emotions experienced by the man with leprosy from the time he hears that Jesus is able to heal people from leprosy until the moment he leaves the priest, declared clean.
4. There are three primary categories that make a person ritually unclean in the Law, and they are outlined in Numbers 5:1-3 (see below). How would you begin to explain or understand why these made Israelites ritually unclean?
Numbers 5:1-3 The Lord said to Moses, "Command the Israelites to send away from the camp anyone who has a defiling skin disease or a discharge of any kind, or who is ceremonially unclean because of a dead body. Send away male and female alike; send them outside the camp so they will not defile their camp, where I dwell among them."