

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for July 12, 2020:
Invitation to Solidarity



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- Today we are reflecting on solidarity. When was a time that you felt compassion and support from an organization or a person?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5:12-16

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- There are a couple of gospel themes in this text, one being the way Jesus tells people not to tell anyone about the miracle they received. Why doesn't Jesus want temple or political officials to know about his work?
- Another theme is Jesus telling lepers who have been healed to go show themselves to the Priests. What significance would this action bring?
- After the healing, Jesus withdraws to a "lonely" place and prayed. What is the difference between withdrawing from a crowd and being isolated from the crowd? What benefits can come from withdrawing?

- **SERVE** *others*

Royal Redeemer was planning on hosting two homeless families at the church, providing a meal and shelter for these families who would otherwise be living in their car or on the street. Given the rising alert level in Butler County, we are changing our week to supporting the cost of families living at a motel instead. How can you be looking for other ways to engage with and support those families?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**