

## Where Are the Nine?

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The gospel accounts do so much to teach us about Jesus. They describe His teaching, His character, His power, and His love. They also teach us about ourselves. By looking at the people and how they dealt with Jesus in person, we can often see ourselves and the places where we need to grow.

In Luke 17:11-19 there is an account of Jesus healing ten lepers that holds many lessons for all of us. We can easily see four ideas that are worth reflecting on today and all days.

*“While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, ten leprosy men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’”* (vss. 11-13) Those who realize the plight of their illness will reach out to Jesus in humility, trusting His mercy. These men knew the Jewish leprosy regulations kept them outside of the congregation (Leviticus 13:45; Numbers 5:2), but they knew that the Master held the key to their healing. They cried out to Him as their only hope.

*“When He saw them, He said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they were going, they were cleansed.”* (vs. 14) Not only does Jesus faithfully extend the healing the men cried out for, but He also respects the right of the congregation to know they had been healed. (Leviticus 14:1-32) Jesus commanded the men to take action even before any healing had occurred, but in obeying the men saw that Jesus’ power to heal was manifested. There was not high and impressive ritual, but simple obedience. However, that obedience was effective.

*“Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.”* (vss. 15-16) Although Jewish purity rites kept them from associating with Samaritans, (John 4:9) when there is a shared sickness, other divisions between people fade. In this event, we can see that a man who had been an outcast, and doubly so, was so overcome with joy at his healing, he hastened to give praise and worship. Not only was this man previously not connected to Jewish culture or religion, but he was forced to be away from all who were healthy. All of that had been reversed. What a reason to praise God!

*“Then Jesus answered and said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?’ And He said to him, ‘Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.’”* (vss. 17-19) By deciding that worship was important after such healing, the Samaritan shamed those who had previously been a part of the “right” religion. There are many who have been healed by Jesus in His mercy, but not all are ready to show the importance of that healing with their active worship.

How will Jesus answer us based on our response to His healing? Will we be like the thankful foreigner whose faith was effective? Will we be like the absent nine with the Lord inquiring after our presence?



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are not expected to give money but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.**



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**Prayers** *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

**Maria Swindlehurst** is asking for prayers as she deals with ongoing health issues.

**Pat Hazlett** continues to battle an upper respiratory infection.

**Ron & Jean Cameron** were under the weather last Sunday and unable to be with us.

**Frank Marsden** has been dealing with a kidney stone.

**Susan Barrett** requests prayers as she deals with several challenging issues.

**Jeanne Johns** recently fell and suffered a broken hip.

**Nick**, Bruce Brink's cousin is having a problem dealing with the loss of his father in Sept. Let's pray for God to help him and his family and loved ones. Let's also pray for Bruce to be able to say the right things to help them.

**Laura**, a friend of Nancy Schul, is doing well in her recovery from surgery and treatments at Roswell and hopes to return to work soon.

**Louise**, Anna Brink's sister, is dealing with some health issues.

Ruth Knepp's daughter in law is dealing with a blood clot in her leg.

**Carolyn Carter**, Wayne Carter's sister-in-law in VA, is facing coronary bypass surgery.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at **Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries**.

**Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.**

**Let's pray for the congregation in Fenwick, ONT as they do the same.**

Also

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

**Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**Jan. 12 Today.** There will be a *quick* Men's Business Meeting downstairs in the conference room right after services.

**Jan. 18** Camp Agape meeting here at LaSalle.

**Jan. 19** Men's Business Meeting

**Jan. 20** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Feb. 02 Potluck** Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.

**Feb. 14** Valentines Day

<i>Weekly Budget</i>	\$1,843
Contribution Last Sunday	\$1,706
Attendance Last Sunday	52

**Classes and Sermon**

Sun. AM Adult Bible Class Matthew

**Sermon Topic Today:** *Doing More Than Praying*

**Scripture Reading:** *Mark 2:1-5*

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class 10 AM

Wed. PM Bible Class 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings

**Thank You**

Sonny & Linda Stein express their deepest thanks for the prayers and support received on behalf of Marissa.

**2019 Contribution Receipts**

Receipts for contributions made to the LaSalle church in 2019 have been mailed out. Please speak with Audrey if you did not receive a receipt for your donation and would like one. Also, please remember that cash contributions must be placed in an envelope identifying you as the contributor for it to be tracked as a donation to the church.



**Serving Today**

**Announcements** Wayne Carter

**Song Leader** Rodney Jones

**Direct Communion** Ray McArthur

**Serve** Wayne Carter

**Serve** Richard Wheeler

**Serve** Doug Flanagan

**Clean Trays** Kris Kinney

**Who Cares?**

by Dan Flournoy

Have you ever felt as though no one loved you...no one cared about you? David must have been in the depths of despair when he wrote: "No one cares for my soul" (Psalms 142:4). While earthly friends may sometimes fail to care as they should, we can be sure that someone does care about us. "Who cares?," you ask. Notice carefully that:

1.ANGELS CARE. The scriptures demonstrate that angelic beings are concerned with our welfare. Jesus said, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents..." (Luke 15:10). From 1 Peter 1:12 observe that angels are concerned with the salvation of mankind. Angels care!

2.JESUS CARES. A well-known hymn asks, "Does Jesus care?" The refrain answers, "O yes, He cares; I know He cares..."Jesus, the loving shepherd, laid down his life because he cared for his sheep (John 10:13,14). "Greater love hath no man than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Truly, Jesus is one who cares for us.

3.OUR HEAVENLY FATHER CARES. The giving of His only begotten son shows the extent of God's great love (John3:16). Indeed he is "the father of mercies and God of all comfort" (2Corinthians 1:3). Paul said that "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

When you are depressed, lonely and feeling as though no one cares, do as David did, turn to God in prayer. He prayed saying: "I cried out to You, O Lord; I said, 'You are my refuge..." (Psalms 142:5).

**Remember that there are those who care!**