

LEPERS CHOOSE GOOD NEWS

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2 KINGS 7:3-20

Introduction

Stage 1: A _____ Situation

Stage 2: A _____ Discovery

Stage 3: A _____ Obligation

1. Start with _____

2. _____ on target

3. Don't worry about the _____

Stage 4: A Joyful _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

- 1 . Give an example of an opportunity you've had to deliver good news about something (anything) to others. Why was that such a fun experience?
- 2 . Read II Kings 6:24-31. Choose 5 or 6 words to describe the emotions that the people living in Samaria must have felt. Why do you think the king was mad at Elisha? Why was his anger misdirected? (Read Deuteronomy 28:45-53 before answering the last question.)
- 3 . Read II Kings 7:3, 4. What did the four lepers decide to do? Why? Spiritually speaking, how is our situation, apart from Christ, like that of the lepers? What does the apostle Paul tell us about our pre-Christ situation in Ephesians 2:1-3?
- 4 . Why do you think most people are oblivious to their spiritually desperate situation? What does II Corinthians 4:3, 4 say about people's spiritual blindness? What impact does the realization of others' desperation and blindness have on you?
- 5 . Read II Kings 7:5-8. Put yourself in the sandals of these four lepers and describe what you're feeling at this point in the story. Read Romans 8:32 and Ephesians 1:3. What are some of the blessings you've experienced as a result of surrendering your life to Christ? How should this impact the way you talk to others about Jesus?
- 6 . Tell the story of how you surrendered your life to Jesus in three minutes or less. (Note: Your story should consist of three parts: your life before Christ; your decision to surrender to Christ; the changes in your life since becoming a Christ follower.)
- 7 . Read II Kings 7:9-11. What was the principal reason the lepers decided to announce their good news in Samaria (v.9a)? Why would the keeping of the good news to themselves be "not right"? Why is keeping the Good News about Jesus to ourselves "not right"? Why, then, do we often neglect to share this Good News with others.
- 8 . Read II Kings 7:12-15. Was the good news well-received in Samaria? Explain. According to Jesus (read John 16:7-11), whose responsibility is it to convince people of their need for salvation? Why should knowing this make us bolder in sharing the Good News?
- 9 . Read II Kings 7:16. What was the end result of the lepers sharing their good news? What might be the results (come up with several) of our sharing the Good News about Jesus?
- 10 . What are three insights from this study that might make you more confident and effective in talking to others about Jesus?