

1. Have you ever watched the TV program *Intervention*? What type of person is usually the subject? Have you ever had to intervene on behalf of a hopeless person? Has someone ever had to do that for you? What does it take to intervene?

When Jesus intervenes the curse is reversed. (v. 1-4)

2. Can you identify with the leper? Isolated? Rejected? Ashamed? In need of a touch? What attitude can you identify in the leper?
3. In order to be cleansed you may have to show your shame. Have you ever had to do this? Why is it a necessary step for cleansing?
4. Read v.2. Jesus can do anything He wills to do. Jesus does not will to do everything he can do. Is it always God's will to heal? What is the danger in wrongly believing God never wants you to deal with sickness? What is the danger of not believing God can heal anytime he wills to heal?
5. Read v.4. Genuine faith is always followed by genuine obedience. Read Mark 1:45 Why do you think the cleansed leper did not obey Jesus' instruction not to tell anyone? Do you leave your obedience incomplete in spite of what Jesus has done for you?
6. Leprosy is to the body what sin is to the soul. What parallels are there between leprosy and sin? Your greatest need is to be cleansed from sin. What is significant about "the gift" to be offered to the priest when a leper was called "cleansed." (Lev. 14:12-13) How does God cleanse sin?

When Jesus intervenes His authority is acknowledged. (v. 5-13)

7. Read v.9-10. The greatness of your faith is measured by your response to Jesus' authority. Read Romans 13:1-7. Describe how your relationship with authorities requires faith? Does your attitude toward authority reveal that you have a faith problem?
8. Read v.11-12. Your eternal destiny will be determined by whether you are willing to acknowledge Jesus authority over you. When you read these verses, do you have confidence you will enter the kingdom of Jesus?
9. Read v.13. Do you love someone who is paralyzed spiritually? Do you love them enough to appeal to Jesus on their behalf? Who needs to borrow your faith because they have none of their own?

When Jesus intervenes your service is spontaneous. (v. 14-17)

10. Read v.14. How would you react if your spouse announced Jesus was coming over for supper? What kind of house cleaning would be necessary?
11. Read v.15. Fever was preventing the woman from serving Jesus. Jesus uses his authority to remove obstacles for people who want to serve hm. Do you need God's intervention to remove an obstacle to serve him? Are you serving him? How? Have you forgotten how he has touched you and are spending your life serving yourself?

Additional Scripture

- Mark 1:40-45
- 2Kings 5:1-27
- Leviticus 13-14
- Psalm 33:9
- Romans 13:1-7
- Col. 3:22
- Isa. 53:4
- 1Peter 2:24

