



DISCUSSION GUIDE

'OVERWHELMED' - A New Perspective Luke 17:11-19

GETTING STARTED

Discuss ways you feel that people today are overwhelmed? Why are we overwhelmed?
In what way or area of your life can you typically feel overwhelmed?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?
What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

In what way does the medical condition of the lepers become not just a catastrophic medical problem, but also a spiritual and relational problem?
In what way does a health or medical diagnosis become uniquely "overwhelming" to people?

From the encounter of the 10 lepers with Jesus, Dave said three things happen...

1. *They found that being in the right Presence/place matters*
2. *Being in the Right Presence changes your perspective*
3. *The right perspective can transform your priorities*

As you consider what overwhelms you...what would it mean for you to live in the "Presence" of Jesus? How could this change your perspective around your circumstances? What could be re-prioritized as a result?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Luke 17:11-13]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

Where did the events of this story take place? (17:11)

Who met Jesus as He entered the village? (17:12)

What did the ten men want from Jesus? (17:13)

How did the men refer to Jesus? (17:13)

How did Jesus respond to the ten men? (17:14)

What happened to the men as they went to show themselves to the priest? (17:14)

What did one of the ten do that the others did not? (17:15)

How did one man express his thankfulness to Jesus? (17:15-16)

What difference did it make that the man who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan? (17:16,18)

How did Jesus respond to the one man who returned? (17:17-19)

What did Jesus tell the man about his faith? (17:19)

QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

In what way can we all relate to these 10 men, who in verse 13 are "crying out" to Jesus? What, at a minimum did they understand about Jesus that caused them to "cry out"?

Is there anyone in your life that may be at this point in their life?

In verse 14, Jesus tells them essentially to "go to church" (go to the priest)...why?

Why is verse 14-17 the "climax" of the story? 10 men get healed and only one (the Samaritan) comes back?

How would living in God's undeserved grace change your perspective and priorities?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in these passages?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?