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The Journey To Jerusalem | Pity & Praise | Luke 17:11-19

1. Are there specific seasons or events in the year which prompt you to be increasingly grateful? When? Why?
2. What are you most grateful for today? Share. Have you expressed your gratitude to God yet? How or why not?
3. Why, do you think, did Jesus respond to the lepers' request for healing as he did? Discuss other options which were available to Jesus in the moment.
4. Jesus would appear, (at least in part), to be testing the faith of the lepers. Can you think of an occasion when you have needed to make a specific action before seeing Jesus move in your life? Share.
5. **Turn around, quickly.** Are there reasons why we might be slow to express gratitude in our contemporary world? Is it fair to say that 'entitlement' and 'ingratitude' are defining characteristics of 21st century living? Discuss.
6. **Give thanks, loudly.** Jesus delights in the audible praise of the ex-leper. Why, do you think, does this matter? Can you think of a time when you have publicly expressed your thanks to God for something? Why not let Chris or Kay know if you would like the opportunity in a service...
7. *'Whatever you don't turn into praise turns into pride.'* Discuss. How might this have happened if more of the lepers' story was recorded in Scripture?
8. *'It's not happy people who are grateful; it's grateful people who are happy.'* Discuss how you have seen this to be true in your own life.
9. **Receive more, graciously.** What more did the thankful ex-leper receive? Do you think Jesus often gives people 'skin-deep' miracles so that he can work out a 'soul-deep' miracle? Does your own faith journey mirror this principle in any way?
10. **Be the one.** Discuss some practical ways that you could further nurture your attitude of gratitude in life. Reflect on the words of Colossians 2:6-7 as you pray for each other.