



Agenda



4-Part Bible Study

1. The Baptism of Jesus
2. The Lamb of God and His Disciples
3. The Healing of the Leper
4. Salt and Light

Introduction – Letting Your Light Shine!

In April of 2021 the Missouri District rallied congregations, schools and ministries around Matthew 5:16 as Jesus compels His disciples (us) to let **our** light shine before **others** that they may see see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

The district-wide Servant Event entitled “SHINE!” in the NID is scheduled for April 14-23.





Session Three

The Healing of the
Leper

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit, You graciously bid us to draw near to where You abide for us in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, give us a heart to always desire to stay where You remain, that we might receive the blessings You bestow there and be well-equipped to speak to those we know about You, the Messiah. In Your Name, Amen.



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Today's world is often caught up with issues of identity. From politics, to gender, to favorite sporting teams, people seek to know themselves and others around them and determine what defines them both in relation to their community and at the core of their being.

Opening Discussion: Isolated

Think about a time when you felt like an “outsider” to a group. What pains or challenges were part of that experience?

What can be the prolonged effects of living in isolation especially during times of stress or physical illness?



Leviticus 13:45-46 with Discussion

⁴⁵ “The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip^[a] and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’ ⁴⁶ He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

Footnotes

a. [Leviticus 13:45](#) Or *mustache*

Discuss the hardships [physical, emotional, spiritual] that a person in Jesus’ day faced who was labeled leprous.

1. What would be the most difficult challenge for you if you were in this position?
2. What would it mean to be “unclean” in the eyes of God?

Shining in Mark 1:40-45

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

⁴⁰ And a leper^[a] came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus^[b] sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

Footnotes

- a. [Mark 1:40](#) *Leprosy* was a term for several skin diseases; see [Leviticus 13](#)
- b. [Mark 1:43](#) Greek *he*; also verse [45](#)

Discussion on Mark 1:40-45

Mark 9:22-23: ²² *And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.* ²³ *And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”*

1. How might Mark 9:22-23 shed some light on the leper's request of Jesus?
2. What does Mark reveal about Jesus' internal response to this leper in Mark 1:41?

How does Jesus specifically bring this man healing?

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5. What is the result of Jesus' healing touch?

6. How does Jesus deal with the man in verses 43-44?
What does the man do in response?

Discussion – Mark 1:40-45

7. How does Mark describe Jesus' situation as a result of the spreading of the news of this healing?

How is this a foreshadow of Jesus' mission on earth?

What image do we find at the end of this text?



Our Light Shining

Question 1

- How does Jesus bring the touch of His cleansing into your life today?

Question 2

- How does the Lord bring the touch of His mercy through you to those who may be “unclean?”



Thank you

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.



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- How does Jesus bring the touch of His cleansing into your life today?

Question 2

- How does spending time with Him equip you to let your light shine for others?

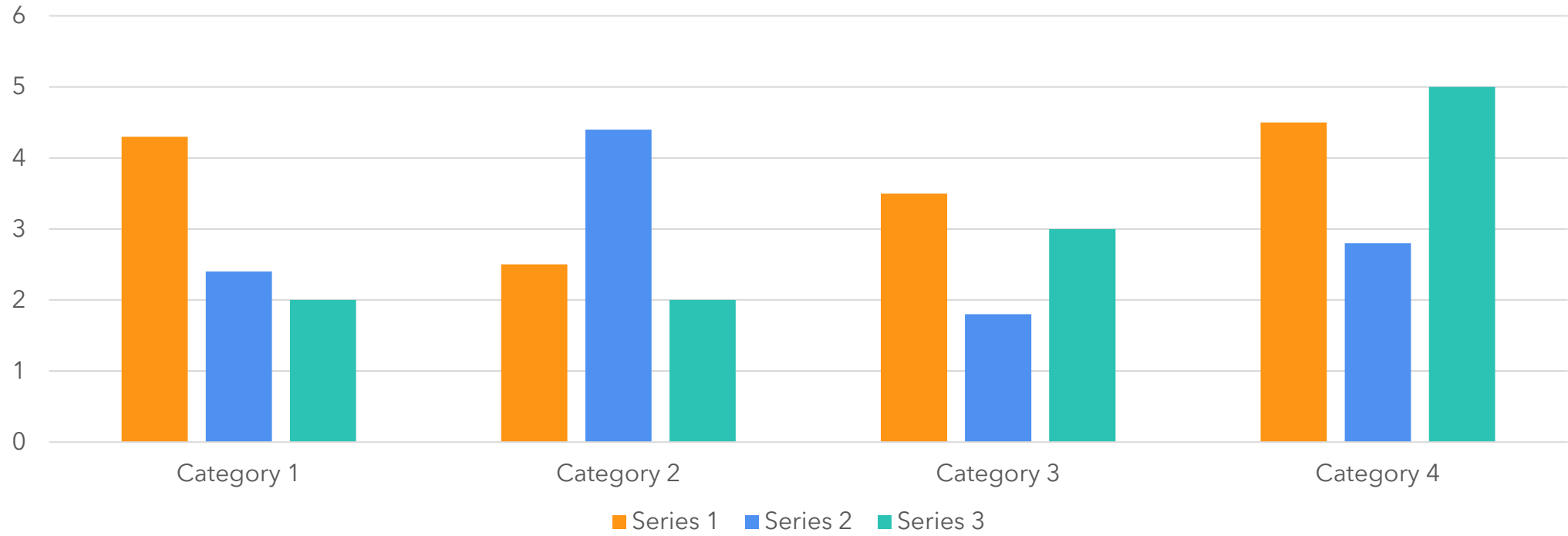
Question 3

- Who do you know with whom you could joyfully declare *“we have found the Messiah!”*?

What might bringing them to Jesus look like for you?



Chart



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