



Sermon Discussion Questions

Matthew 8:1-4 // The God Who Brings Wholeness

- Jesus comes down off the hillside and enters into the reality of our everyday lives. When have you seen Jesus' presence bring peace, wholeness, restoration to a person or situation?
- The leper was convinced of Jesus' power to cleanse him but wasn't sure of his willingness. When have you been tempted to doubt Jesus' willingness to help you?
- How does this example of Jesus' holiness change the way you think about God? How does it change your perception of the way he thinks of you and your impurity?
- Compare Luke's summary of Jesus' moral instruction (Luke 6:27-36) with Matthew's (Matt 5:43-48). What's the connection between wholeness/perfection (in Matthew 5:48) and mercy (in Luke 6:36)? How is showing compassion an expression of both holiness
- Who are the "untouchables" for you or in your society who need to know the compassion of Christ? What could you do to reach out to them like Jesus would?