Discussion & Reflection Questions Pentecost 18C - 12th October 2025

Read: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Discussion Questions

- 1. What different types of people do you think would live around the area that Jesus is travelling "along the border between Samaria and Galilee" (v11)?
- 2. Do you know any of the cultural expectations around people who suffered from leprosy?
- 3. The 10 men cry out to Jesus for mercy (v13). Why do you think they did this & who do you think they thought Jesus was?
- 4. Why do you think Jesus tells them to "go and show yourselves to the priests" (v.14) instead of healing them on the spot?
- 5. All 10 are healed, but only one returns to thank Jesus. What might this say about gratitude and recognition of God's grace? Is there any significance that he was a Samaritan?
- 6. When Jesus says "Your faith has made you well" (v.19) do you think this is a different type of healing to the other 9?
- 7. How can this passage help us reflect on the difference between receiving God's blessings and responding with gratitude?

Prayer

O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good: help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.