

## Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of October 8, 2017

Luke 17:11-19; Acts 4:23-31

*These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.*

*Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.*

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*~ Luke 17:11-19*

<sup>23</sup> After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

'Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples imagine vain things?  
<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth took their stand,  
and the rulers have gathered together  
against the Lord and against his Messiah.'

<sup>27</sup> For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

<sup>31</sup> When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

*~Acts 4:23-31*

**Connection Questions:**

1. Describe a time when you have had a prayer answered. Did you express your thankfulness? How?
2. Jesus asks us to “Get up and go.” Where has your faith taken you that is out of your comfort zone?
3. Have you ever tried to help someone in Jesus’ name but met with resistance?
4. This week we heard people share their mission stories. How did you connect to their stories? How are you a part of their work through prayer or resource support?
5. How can you be in mission in your own setting?
6. How can prayer undergird your efforts to bring Jesus’ healing message of love and life to those around you?