



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of October 3, 2021*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Luke 5:12-16

***12 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 13 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. 14 And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." 15 But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.***

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiKaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

This week in our passage of study, we find Jesus healing a man whose body was filled with the dreaded disease of leprosy. In doing so, Jesus shows that He is willing to heal and restore even the outcasts of society. Ultimately, Jesus is displaying His power and desire to heal broken depraved people through the forgiveness of their sins.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Leprosy was a horrible disease that some called a "living death". How is an unforgiven sinful life even worse than leprosy?

2. The leper believed that Jesus could heal him but was not sure if He was willing to do so. Jesus was not only willing, but He actually touched the leper to heal him. What does this tell you about Jesus' love for unclean sinners who come to Him in repentance and faith?
3. As one considered "unclean", the leper had to disregard people's insults and "stink eye", in order to approach Jesus. In what way do people today need to overcome the "stigma" of coming to Christ for forgiveness of their sins?
4. Unlike leprosy, humanity's sin is not readily seen. Most people, because they haven't murdered anyone or robbed a bank, or hurt people intentionally don't think they're bad or sinful. Why do most people in the world fail to recognize their sin and its destructive effect on their lives? How can Christians tactfully, but truthfully help an unbeliever to recognize their sin and their need for forgiveness?
5. How does today's sermon help a person whose life is overrun by evil behavior, have hope? What would you say to the person who says that they have no hope for salvation because the depravity of their sin could never be forgiven by God?