



## SERMON TEXT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DOWNES ROAD CAMPUS

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### INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Services & Programs Cancelled Until Easter Weekend**  
Visit [northview.org](http://northview.org) to listen to Pastor Jeff's announcement regarding COVID-19. Northview will reevaluate the situation for Easter Services.
- **Watch the complete worship service online!** Our music, prayer, and sermon will be available at [northview.org](http://northview.org)
- **Upcoming Events...**
  - **Women's Conference May 1-2** || Details and registration at [northview.org/women](http://northview.org/women)
  - **Baptism Class May 6** || Fill out the online questionnaire at [northview.org/baptism](http://northview.org/baptism) || 7-9pm in West Court || ASL interpretation available
  - **Membership Class May 9, 16, 23** || Fill out the online questionnaire at [northview.org/membership](http://northview.org/membership) || 7-9pm in West Court
  - **Secret Church 20: God, Government, and the Gospel May 8 or May 23** || Details and Registration at [northview.org/secret-church](http://northview.org/secret-church)
- Sign up for **Northview's Newsletter** at [northview.org](http://northview.org) to never miss another event.

### KEEP MEETING TOGETHER - BUT ONLINE!

In the days ahead, we want to encourage you to 'not neglect meeting together' (Hebrews 10:25) even if we cannot physically gather. Our Community Department has shared some great resources which give instructions on how to connect people online. You can access this information at the link below:

[How to Host a Community Group Online](#)

It provides step-by-step directions for setting up groups via Google Hangouts and Facebook Messenger, as well as guidelines for Online Etiquette.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayer Guide - [A 7-Day Coronavirus Prayer Guide](#)
- Prayer for our world as we seek to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Pray for God's peace and comfort for those who are anxious and fearful. Prayer for opportunities for the Church to be a light to our world in the midst of this situation.
- Pray for opportunities for us to engage our neighbours, coworkers, and other people we are connected with in gospel conversations.

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### OBSERVATION

This section is aimed at helping people observe the details of the text: what is written, what words or ideas are repeated and emphasized, the text's structure and how this text fits into the wider context of the book.

1. Read 2 Kings 5:1-16.
2. Who is Naaman and what is his position in Aram?  
*He is the commander of the Aramaic King's army and a valiant soldier, he has leprosy (v1).*
3. Who does the Israelite slave tell Naaman to see, and who does the King of Aram send him to?  
*The slave tells him to visit the prophet (Elisha) but the king sends him to the king of Israel instead (v2-5).*
4. How does the King of Israel respond to the request in the letter sent to him?  
*He tears his robes and cries out that he is incapable (v7)*
5. When Naaman is finally sent to Elisha, what does Elisha tell Naaman to do? How does he respond to this request?  
*Elisha sends a messenger to tell Naaman to wash himself in the Jordan river (v10). Naaman goes away very angry (v11).*
6. When Naaman does as Elisha tells him, how does he respond to the work of God in his life?  
*He comes to know that there is no other God than the God of Israel (v15).*

### INTERPRETATION

This section is aimed at linking the current text to other texts or to the bigger biblical narrative. If you are running out of time, feel free to skip this section.

1. Read Leviticus 13:45-46.
  - a) How are the Israelites told to deal with those who have defiling skin diseases (like leprosy)?  
*They are to declare them unclean and send them outside the camp where they must remain*
  - b) Commentators state that other nations also viewed skin diseases as punishment from the gods. What are the implications of this for someone in a high position like Naaman?  
*He would be unclean and cursed, unless he was cured.*

2. Read Luke 17:11-19.
  - a) What does Jesus do for the 10 lepers?  
*He heals them of their leprosy and sends them to the priests to be declared clean (v14).*
  - b) What happens after the lepers are declared clean?  
*One comes back to thank and praise God—the rest go their own way (v15).*
  - b) What does Jesus say made the leper clean?  
*His faith made him well (v19).*

### APPLICATION

This section is aimed at helping people apply what we have read in the text to our lives. It is intended to foster more open-ended discussion as people connect the text to their everyday life, and reflect on how it changes the way they think and act.

1. Read Ezekiel 24:13.  
In the West, we don't really worry about leprosy and yet we are all still unclean. What are the things in our life that show our uncleanness?  
*Various Answers*  
  
What are things in our world/culture that reveal our uncleanness?  
*Various Answers*
2. Read 1 John 1:8-10.  
How are we cleansed of our sins?  
*we confess our sins (v9)*
3. How can we live in light of our cleanness in the world? What is hindering us from living in this manner?  
*Various Answers*
4. How can we share the good news that cleansing is possible?  
*Various Answers*