



## BIG IDEA

*Naaman was cleansed of his leprosy by washing in a river. Though he didn't like what he was first told, eventually he took a prophet of God at his word. But this leper, and all who cry out, "If you are willing, heal me and make me clean," will have Jesus come to them and touch them and wash them clean from all their sin and shame.*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

*Read: 2 Kings 5:1-27, Mark 1:40-45*

1. The faith of a servant girl of Naaman's wife impacted Naaman's life. How is your faith in God impacting the lives of those around you? How is God using you to bring physical or spiritual healing to others?
2. What does Naaman's initial reaction to Elisha's instructions tell us about his expectations? How can our expectations sometimes hinder our ability to receive help or blessings, and how can they affect our relationship with God?
3. How does Naaman's transformation from a military official to a humble believer encourage or inspire you?
4. What does Naaman's healing tell us about God's mercy and grace, even towards those who are not initially part of his chosen people? Where else in Scripture can we see this theme manifested itself?
5. How do the actions of the servant girl and Gehazi contrast? What areas of your life follow the actions of the servant girl? What areas of your life follow the actions of Gehazi?
6. How does the story of Naaman relate to the New Testament's teachings on faith and healing?
7. How does the story of Naaman point us to Jesus?
8. Who in your life needs spiritual healing right now? What steps can you take the next couple of weeks to care for them and point them to Jesus, our Healer?
9. What stood out to you the most in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?
10. Share personal insights, commitments, or action items inspired by the sermon and the discussion. In other words, how will you respond to the message this week?

## NOTES

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** Thank God for healing our hearts and giving us faith. Ask God to use you to bring spiritual (and physical) healing to those who need it.

**Read:** Consider reading 2 Kings to see how this story fits into God's entire redemptive plan.

**Write:** Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him. Consider writing in questions for the podcast on the Gateway Church app.

**Sing:** Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, memorize a verse from the sermon passage that stuck out to you this week.

**Love:** Share Jesus, the Healer, to someone who needs to hear about him.

*Sermon Discussion Guide*

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