

Restoration

Matthew 8:1-4

God can bring _____

to _____ area of our lives

The Story . . .

In light of this, we should:

1. _____ for our restoration

2. _____ about our restoration

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What ability do you possess that you like the most?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Matthew 8:1-4. What happens here?

In light of Leviticus 13:45-46, what was this man's life like?

- If you had been in his situation, what emotions would you have felt?

Why do you think this man referred to Jesus "making him clean" as opposed to healing him?

Why do you think the text says so specifically that Jesus "reached out and touched him"?

- What would the significance of that touch have been for this man?

What about this man's interaction with Jesus do you want to imitate as you approach God?

Jesus indicated that he was willing to cleanse this man (v. 3). Is God always willing to heal and restore us? Why or why not?

- What other Scriptures shape your answer to this?
- What in your own experience shapes your response to this?

What is a way that God has brought restoration to your life?

- Is this something you have shared with others "as a testimony to them" (v. 4)?
- If not, why not?
- If so, how has that gone?

In what areas of your life do you currently sense a need for wholeness and restoration? How can we pray for you about that?