

Belong

When have you or someone you love been affected by an unpleasant skin condition?
How did you handle it?

Read **Luke 5:12**. What do you see in this scene? How would you describe the man's condition?

Compare this with **Leviticus 13**. What do you learn in this ancient Israelite Law code?
How does this lend insight for the leprous man's story in Luke 5:12?

What is the man's posture and request to Jesus?

See what Jesus does: **Luke 5:13**. Describe His response to the leprous man.

How does Jesus' interaction bring this man back into belonging, both socially and spiritually?

See Jesus' instruction: **Luke 5:14**.

Compare this with **Leviticus 14**. What's the dominant theme?

See the wrap-up to the leprous man's story in **Luke 5, vs. 15-16**.

What happens and what's motivating in these verses?

Ponder these two ways to personalize the story:

1. We all need cleansed, and Jesus wants to cleanse us. (See **1 John 1:8-9**)
2. Be in awe and wonder. Praise Jesus for how he brings people back into belonging!

Get Ready for Next Week!

Read **Luke 5:27-39**.