



## A Lenten Grow-Pray-Study Guide

Matthew 7:28; 8:1-4

### Review/Reflect

The words "Jesus reached out his hand, and touched him" may not seem odd. But it was a stunning act. In that day, most skin diseases were lumped together as "leprosy." Leviticus 13-14 called for isolating those who had them so as not to spread the disease. Most people felt fear and revulsion for these sufferers, and avoided all contact. But Jesus touched the man, and said, "I do want to. Be clean." Jesus touch was life giving. It was a touch of healing, of restoration, and of caring.

### Examine

What did it mean to be a leper? Note that it wasn't an illness so much as an "uncleanness"

How did the leper "worship" Jesus? What do we know about his "faith."

### Chat

"God know who you are. You are not just another number to God." What does this mean to you?

Describe a time when someone cared for you. How can a healthy touch communciate God's love?

What does it mean to you that Jesus became a "leper" for us?

### Apply

If your life is particularly difficult at this moment, how can you worship God in the midst of the pain?

How can God use you to minister healing to hurting people? How is God asking you to live up to Jesus' example in touching the leper today?

### Pray

Pray Read over Psalm 8 and pray the truths found there into your life.