

EPISODE 6 - INDESCRIBABLE COMPASSION

Episode Review

Review the episode using the below questions as prompts.

- 1. Who would be the equivalent of a tax collector in our current day? How are this group of people treated in our society?
- 2. Discuss how compassion is displayed in this episode. Describe the scene of the healing of the leper in this episode. How did Jesus preach about and show compassion? Why do you think Jesus asked the leper not to announce his healing publicly?
- 3. Leprosy is a major disease in the time of Jesus. Discuss what that meant for someone who had leprosy in Jesus' time. It was the sickness that renders a person no longer worthy of dignity, love, or community. Are there any similar situations in our society today that would cause a person to no longer have dignity? Discuss with your Group how you think Jesus would treat them? How does this impact the way we are called to treat those who are considered outcasts?
- 4. What's holding you back from the kind of bold faith the leper displayed?
- 5. Share about times where you have not felt part of the "in" crowd with your group. How can you connect with people in your life who aren't part of the "in" crowd, as Jesus did?
- 6. In order to take such extreme measures, what must the four friends, who carried the paralytic, believe about Jesus?
- 7. What did Jesus value more than the paralytic's physical healing? Discuss with your Group the barriers you face in bringing your "issues" (Physical or Emotional Healing; financial concerns; relationships; careers, etc). Jesus wants us to bring everything to him. How might these things change if we broke down any barrier to bring them to Jesus?

Character Review

Explore the biblical references for the highlighted characters in this episode.

- Jesus healing the leper Mark 1:40-45
- Jesus healing the paralytic through the roof Mark 2:1-12
- Mary Magdalene Matthew 27:55-56; Matthew 27:61; Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 15:40; Mark 15:47;
 Mark 16:1-9; Luke 8:1-3; John 19:25; John 20:1-18
- Simon Matthew 4:18-19; Matthew 8:14-17; Matthew 14:28-31; Matthew 16:18; Matthew 26:51; Mark 1:16-17; Mark 14:47; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:28; Luke 5:3-11; Luke 22:50; Luke 24:1-12; John 1:25-42; John 1:44; John 13:2-11; John 18:10; John 20:1-9; John 21:15; Acts 1:13; Acts 4:7-22; Acts 5:18-42; Acts 9:32; Acts 10:2; Acts 8:14; Acts 12:1-18; Acts 15:14; Galatians 1:18; Galatians 1:7-9; Galatians 2:11; 2 Peter 1:1
- Tamar Genesis 38:1-30; Matthew 1:3
- James Matthew 10:1-4; Matthew 13:55; Mark 3:13-19; Mark 6:3; Mark 15:40; Luke 6:12-16; Acts 12:17; Acts 15:13-21; Acts 21:17-18; Galatians 1:18-19; Galatians 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
- John Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16; Luke 22:8; John 1:35-39; John 19:25-27; Acts 3:1;
 Acts 4:3; Acts 8:14