Standing In The Circle Of Need

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INTRODUCTION

- Serving God is an awesome privilege. It's not a duty.
- Christians, unlike any others, make a real and great difference in our world. A lasting difference.
- As we walk out the doors of this place, we are to be light bringers to a dark world.

1 Standing In The Circle Of Need

Luke 17:12–13

- There is room for every one of us to fit inside.
- This is not Jesus and an individual, but a group of ten who are all huddled together because of a common problem. And possessing a common need.
- These ten were standing in the circle of need.

2 Every Sinner Stands In The Circle Of Need

1 Corinthians 6:9–10

- Old divisions don't matter anymore. Only the common problem and the common need.
- Every sinner stands in the circle of need.
- Leprosy was an awful disease. It was rotting skin on living humans. Sin is worse.
- All sin is abhorrent to a holy God.

3 We Can Forget Where We Came From

1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Peter 1:9–11

- And such were some of you. But you were washed. You were cleansed. You were justified.
- Something not so good can happen to us when we ultimately respond in the circle of our need and then enter the circle of the saved. We can forget where we came from.
- We need to be demonstrating in our lives that we have entered the circle of the saved, and that we are so honoring Jesus by the way that we live.
- We must certainly not develop poor attitudes toward other people in the circle of need. Considering ourselves somehow better than them because we are now healed.

4 Go And Show Yourself To The Priest

Luke 17:14

- When Jesus gives them instruction and a command, there's no quibbling about what he has instructed them to do.
- Jesus commands them to act as if they had been cured.

- God's law is really his gracious insistence that we take part in the steps that lead us to getting well.
- At baptism, heeding his command, our sin problem is fixed.
- When Jesus tells us to go, that's just the beginning of the journey.

5 One Returns To Give Thanks

Luke 17:15–18

- One of the ten lepers returns to give thanks to Jesus.
- He had one stigma removed, his leprosy, but he still had to live with that other stigma. He was a Samaritan.
- If not for Jesus, we'd still have leprosy. We'd still be the outcast that no one wants to touch. But worse.
- We have come to this place today to say thank you, thank you, thank you, and to give beauty back to God.

6 The Key To It All Is Gratitude

Colossians 2:6–7

- The key to it all is gratitude. It is the key to a worthy response to God.
- As we have received Christ, so walk in him, hearts overflowing with gratitude.
- When we find ourselves just going through the motions, when we can't have any zest or enthusiasm in it, I'll tell you we've got a problem, and it's a gratitude problem.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't you want to be a positive impact on other people who stand in the circle of need with you.

MY NOTES