1. **Intro:**

1.1. Share about Trip to Indo & Mindanao -
1.2. Announce need for *Disaster Relief Fund* – Present need *Jakarta* (Yusef).
   1.2.1. Put check in agape box marked *Disaster Relief* in bottom corner.

1.3. Outline: The Request of the Ten, & The Return of the One.

1.4. Illustration: **Andrew Carnegie**, the multimillionaire, left $1 million for one of his relatives, who in return cursed Carnegie thoroughly because he had left $365 million to public charities and had cut him off with just one measly million.

   1.4.1. Q: How does that make you feel when you here a story of ungratefulness, ingratitude, unappreciativeness, thanklessness?
   1.4.2. Let’s hear how Jesus felt about it!

2. **HEALED BUT NOT WHOLE! (11-19)**

2.1. **THE REQUEST OF THE TEN!** (11-14)
2.2. **THE CIRCUMSTANCES** (11,12).
2.3. Leprosy - a disease of a slow lingering death. They died “inch by inch!”

   2.3.1. Ken Gire writes, “There he lives. W/o love. W/o hope. W/o the simple joys & dignities of life: being smiled at…being greeted on the street…buying fresh fruit in the market… talking politics by the public fountain…laughing…getting to go to work…operating a business…haggling over prices w/a shopkeeper…getting a wedding invitation…singing hymns in the synagogue, celebrating Passover w/family. All these barred to him. Forever!

   2.3.2. Jesus is met by ten lepers.
   2.3.3. Stood afar off – Though not stipulated in Leviticus “how far” to stay away, someone came up with 50 yards away.
   2.3.4. Q: How far were you away when you called on Jesus?

2.4. **THE CRY** (13).

   2.4.1. All 10 call out to him for help.

2.5. **THE COMMAND** (14a).

   2.5.1. He tells them to present themselves to the Temple priests.
   2.5.2. No note from the doctor would help. (Lev.13,14)

2.6. **THE CLEANSING** (14b).

   2.6.1. Their leprosy disappears en route!
   2.6.2. “Faith believes in **advance** what will only make sense in reverse.”

   1 Chuck Swindoll
2.7. **THE RETURN OF THE ONE!** (15-19)
2.8. **WHO HE IS!** [The story turns on a dime!]
2.9. We have 9 ungrateful men, & 1 unusual man…& he’s a Samaritan! (16).

2.10. **WHY HE COMES!**
2.11. [1\textsuperscript{st}] That he might **give testimony** to God the Father (15).
2.12. [2\textsuperscript{nd}] That he might **give thanks** to God the Son (16a).
   2.12.1. Here we find him “building an altar” at the feet of Jesus. 😊

2.13. Q: Do we take time to thank Jesus for our salvation, and our new life?
2.14. Q: Do we praise God that we have been healed within?

2.15. **WHAT HE FINDS!**
2.16. **THE SADNESS OF JESUS** (17,18).
2.17. The Savior expresses regret over the 9 who do not return.
2.18. Q: Why did only one cleansed leper return to thank Jesus? - The following are 9 suggested reasons why the 9 did not return:
   2.18.1. #1 waited to see if the cure was real; #2 waited to see if it would last; 
   #3 said he would see Jesus later; #4 decided that he had never had leprosy; 
   #5 said he would have gotten well anyway; #6 gave the glory to the priests; 
   #7 said, "Jesus didn't really do anything"; #8 said, "Any rabbi could have done it"; #9 said, he was already improving. Charles L. Brown, Main Street Monitor.

2.19. Faith healed not only the one leper who returned, but also the nine who appealed to Jesus for pity…and then took off!
   2.19.1. Q: What will move us to stay close to Jesus?
   2.19.2. Q: What will move us to that obedience Jesus has just said is so critical?
   2.19.3. Q: What will move us to a spirit of praise and thankfulness, for all Jesus has done to heal us from the deadly disease of sin.

2.20. When blessings come upon a careless soul he believes there is no one to thank. Yet, when disappointments come he grumbles “there must be someone to blame”.

2.21. (18) Wait…a foreigner? - Then the other 9 must have been locals! (i.e. Jews)
   2.21.1. Interesting, such **Segregation & Integration**!
   2.21.2. Lepers were segregated from all others.
   2.21.3. Lepers were integrated by their common curse of this disease.
   2.21.4. **Segregation** – The Jews despised the Samaritans. “Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.” (Jn.4:9) (Woman @ well to Jesus)
   2.21.5. **Integration** – Yet here are 9 Jews Integrated with one Samaritan by the common curse of leprosy.
   2.21.6. Illus. - If flood surges over a piece of country and the wild animals congregate for safety on some little bit of higher ground, you will find standing peacefully together animals who are natural enemies and who at any other time would do their best to kill each other.
2.21.7. Leprosy is also a picture of sin:

2.21.7.1. Sin integrated all of Adams’s race. “for there is no difference, for all have sinned & come short of the glory of God.” Rom.3:22,23

2.21.7.2. Sin segregated us from God. “Your iniquities have separated you from your God.” Is.59:2

2.21.8. When we’re cured form the leprosy of sin when we’re saved, everything flip flops: - We become separated from the world, & Integrated into the body of Christ. - We experience Spiritual Segregation from sin & condemnation, and Spiritual Integration with all other believers.

2.21.9. So, Sin segregates us from God & integrates us with evil; while Grace does just the opposite!

2.22. How grateful the men should have been for the providence of God that brought Jesus into their area.

2.23. How grateful the men should have been for the love that caused Him to pay attention to them and their need.

2.24. How grateful the men should have been for the grace and power of God that brought about their healing.

2.24.1. So often, once a man has got what he wants, he never comes back!

2.25. But before we judge them too harshly, what is our own “GQ” (Gratitude Quotient)?

2.25.1. How often do we take our blessings for granted and fail to thank the Lord? “Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!” (Ps.107:8,15,21,31)

2.25.2. Too often we are content to enjoy the gift, but we forget the Giver.

2.25.3. We are quick to pray, but slow to praise.

2.25.4. In time of bitter need we pray with desperate intensity; & then the time passes and we forget God.

2.25.5. Many never even offer a grace before a meal. 😊

2.25.6. God gave us his only Son and often we never give to him even a word of thanks.

2.26. They should have formed an impromptu men’s choir & sung Ps.103:1-5 together! [Read Ps.103:1-5]

2.27. If you ever have trouble praising the Lord turn to this Psalm.

2.27.1. “We often write our blessings in the sand, & we engrave our complaints in the marble!” (Spurgeon)

2.27.2. David doesn’t make one request in this Psalm. It is just pure Praise!

2.27.3. Q: Can you agree w/the new converted sailor who said, “To save such a sinner as I am!...He shall never hear the end of it!”

2.27.4. Q: Do you ever pray to God for the sole purpose of praising Him?

2.27.5. Q: Could you pray this long w/o asking for something?

2.28. (1,2) Praise…w/your entire being!

2.28.1. “O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!”
2.29. “He is cataloguing the goodness of God; enumerating his blessings, lest in a moment of depression or backsliding, he should forget the source of his prosperity & take God’s grace for granted.”

2.30. We can add to this list of His benefits: Life, health, home, food, Mercy, Grace, Victory over sin, etc.

2.31. What God has done for us far exceeds anything we have done for or against Him!

2.32. Note all the “alls” we have here!

2.33. Eagle – Like an eagle that remains strong throughout its long life, the psalmist was spiritually vigorous under God’s hand.

2.34. “The eagle molts, loses its old feathers, gets a new coat & soars again!”

2.35. God designed us to be renewed physically. – All cells in our body, including brain cells, make themselves new every 5 months (some cells like your skin make themselves new every month). Dr. Amen, “Making a Good Brain Great”.

2.36. THE SALVATION FROM JESUS(19).

2.36.1. Jesus tells the Samaritan that his faith has resulted in healing of both body and soul!

2.36.2. Made you well – he was already made physically well? - Oh, He must have meant spiritually well then.

2.36.3. “Your faith has saved you” (literal translation)

2.36.4. Same words He spoke to the woman who anointed His feet (Lk.7:50)

2.36.5. The Samaritan’s 9 friends were declared clean by the priest, but he was declared saved by the Son of God!

2.36.5.1. While it is wonderful to experience the miracle of physical healing, it is even more wonderful to experience the miracle of eternal salvation.

2.36.6. Physical healing is a great blessing, but it ends at death; while the blessing of eternal life lasts forever. (www)

2.36.7. Every child of God should cultivate the grace of gratitude.

2.36.7.1. It glorifies and pleases the Father, & opens the heart to further blessings.

2.36.7.2. An unthankful heart is fertile soil for all kinds of sins.

2.36.7.3. Rom.1:21 “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

2.37. This man became a trophy of God’s Grace!
2.38. **Gratitude** changes your perspective about life.

2.38.1. “**Bitterness** requires that you live in the **past**; **Hope** requires that you live for **tomorrow**. But **Gratitude** not only allows you to enjoy the **present**, but keeps you looking to the **future**.” (Erwin McManus; Uprising)

2.38.2. You see the **future**, experience the **present**, & remember the **past** in a dramatically different way.

2.39. **End:** In an interview with the inventor of the telegraph (Samuel F. B. Morse) George Hervey inquired, "Professor Morse, when you were making your experiments at the university, did you ever come to a standstill, not knowing what to do next?" "I've never discussed this with anyone, so the public knows nothing about it. But now that you ask me, I'll tell you frankly -- I prayed for more light" "And did God give you the wisdom and knowledge you needed?" Yes He did," said Morse. "That's why I never felt I deserved the honors that came to me from America and Europe because of the invention associated with my name. I had made a valuable application of the use of electrical power, but it was all through **God's help**. It wasn't because I was superior to other scientists. When the Lord wanted to bestow this gift on mankind. He had to use someone. I'm just **grateful** He chose to reveal it to me." In view of these facts, it's not surprising that the inventor's first message over the telegraph was: "**What hath God wrought!**"

**Infants** do not always appreciate what parents do for them. They have **short memories**. Their concern is not what you did for me **yesterday**, but what are you doing for me **today**. The **past** is meaningless and so is the **future**. They live for the **present**.