



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH | LIFE NOTES

ENCOUNTERS: WEEK 1

SYNOPSIS OF SERIES

Jesus changed the world forever. What he did 2000 years ago in 3 years of ministry is impossible to ignore. What made Jesus so unique? What was it about him that led people to drop everything to follow him? Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking deeply at the book of Mark. We want to invite you and group to take a look at some of the most profound Jesus encounters recorded in Scripture. My prayer is that you would encounter Jesus in a new and fresh way.

GETTING STARTED

Share an encounter that you have had with Jesus.

What is it that you most admire about Jesus?

What is your favorite 'Jesus encounter' in Gospels?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Mark 1:40-45

40A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." 41Jesus was filled with compassion. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" 42Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. 43Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: 44"See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." 45Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

What strikes you about this story?

How did Sunday give you a better picture of the disease of leprosy?

Jesus was filled with compassion literally means "he was moved in his inner being." What picture does that give of Jesus to you?

Share a story where you have been filled with compassion.

On Sunday, Kyle shared about the priest who moved to live in a leper colony. He eventually contracted leprosy and died. How did that story make you feel?

How does that story give us a glimpse of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Jesus showed this man love and mercy. Others were repulsed by him, but Jesus had compassion for him. Who is someone in your life that God might be leading you to show compassion?

Moving Forward

Compassion is often caught more than it's taught. What are some ways that you/your family can grow in your compassion?

Make a commitment to pray that God would continually grow the compassion in you.

Have your group put all hands in that you are going to read the Book of Mark this month.

Prayer

Thank you Jesus for being a healer. Not just of physical ailments, but the healer of our souls.