

**FOCUS:** This summer, we're taking a look at some everyday encounters of people who came face-to-face with Jesus. As we eavesdrop on these encounters, we hope that in coming face-to-face with Jesus, we will in turn treat every **face we face** with the love and compassion of Jesus. **This week**, we learn from Jesus and the man with leprosy.

1. Have you ever felt like a leper (considered unclean, unwanted, isolated from society)? Who in our culture are the lepers? Note how lepers were treated [Lev. 13:45-46](#).
2. Read [Mark 1:35-45](#). In what ways does Jesus minister to this man (physical, emotional, social and spiritual)? What do you think the man believed about Jesus? How can you relate to the man and his need?
3. Some translations in [5:41](#) say Jesus was "compassionate" and others say "indignant." Which word impacts you more? Why? Like Jesus, why do you think compassion and indignation move us to action regardless of the negative consequences?
4. Beside being restored to society by the priests, why else might Jesus want the priests to know He had healed the leper (see: [Numbers 12:10-15](#), [2 Kings 5:13-15](#))? Why do you think the man did not go to the priests and instead just began talking freely? What were the consequences for Jesus?
5. Who are the lepers in your life? What causes you to become indignant? What is God calling you to do?

**ACTION Options:**

1. Read **Gracism** - Chapter 7.
2. Participate in the PCC Online Gracism Book Club [facebook.com/groups/pccbookclub](https://facebook.com/groups/pccbookclub)
3. Pray: "Lord, give me compassion for others, like you have for me."