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ALLIANCE CHURCH
following Jesus in diverse community
WORSHIP GROW SERVE SHARE

People at a Distance

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Scripture: Luke 17:11-14 (NIV) - On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a *distance* and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

1. Jesus healed the lepers by restoring their capacity to feel pain!
2. Jesus is the only antidote for the deadliest epidemic in history.
3. Before we can tell people of Jesus’ power, we must be willing to feel pain.
(Philippians 3:10)
4. Those who want to be the voice of Jesus to distanced people must be intimate with God.
5. If we’ll decrease the distance between ourselves and our neighbors, we’ll decrease the distance between our hearts and God’s.
6. Jesus can address any “distance” in our lives. If you feel distanced from God, He sees your plight, and has something to say to you!

Growth Group Questions

Sermon Title: People at a Distance



WARM-UPS

1. What has been your most difficult challenge so far regarding this pandemic and why?
2. What are you afraid of most during these times and why?

DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been labeled by others unfairly? If so, how did it make you feel?
2. Who are the people “at a distance” you’re familiar with that you can engage in some way that will provide an unexpected boost to their dignity, humanity, and their hopes?
3. Where has God been calling you to take a “step of faith” and what’s been preventing you from taking it and why?
4. Do you feel “distant” or “close” to God and why?
5. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or inspiring in the sermon today and why?

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today’s message.

- Psalm 105:4
- Philippians 3:10
- Matthew 25:45

PRACTICE

- What are some ways we as a group can continue to support one another during this season?
- Are there people you’re familiar with that you avoid because their suffering makes you feel uncomfortable? If so, who are they and what is God calling you to do?