



Sermon Notes: Digging Gold or Digging God?

1. A pitiful condition.

Application: See yourself as broken and hopeless as a leper.

2. A paradoxical command.

Application: Walk in the promise of Christ's call.

3. A praiseworthy comeback.

Application: Cultivate a heart of gratitude.

Application: Seek the Giver more than his gifts.



Application Questions: Digging Gold or Digging God?

1. How did you treat your own sin with ferocity and the sins of others with grace this week?
2. When/why/for what do you cry out to God? Finish this sentence: "*I tend to cry out to God most often when I feel like I need _____.*"
3. How does this short story illustrate some ways God can use suffering and evil for good in our lives? Who suffered...and what did they do as a result? How might God be doing something similar in your own life? Or through current events in general?
4. What did the ten lepers need in order to obey Jesus? Where do you see this dynamic at work in your life?
5. Give some examples of biblical commands that have an attached promise. Why is it hard for us to trust these promises over the long term?
6. Referring to #5, what are some things that might help you believe and rest in these promises as you walk in obedience to God's commands?
7. Why do you suppose only one of the ten lepers returned to thank Jesus?
8. What do you tend to do with God's gifts when you get them? Do you think you treasure and enjoy the gift or the Giver more? Why?
9. What do you tend to do when you *don't* get the gifts that you've prayed and trusted God for? What does this reveal about your heart?
10. What are some practical ways you could cultivate a heart of gratitude?
11. What are some practical ways gratitude can be expressed?