

Four Men with Leprosy

2 Kings 7:3-11

³Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die? ⁴If we say, 'We'll go into the city'-the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die." ⁵At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, not a man was there, ⁶for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!" ⁷So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives. ⁸The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also. ⁹Then they said to each other, "We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace." ¹⁰So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, "We went into the Aramean camp and not a man was there-not a sound of anyone-only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were." ¹¹The gatekeepers shouted the news, and it was reported within the palace.

"Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread." -D. T. Niles

Discussion Questions:

What do you think God is wanting to say to you through this season of the virus?

Why does the enemy try to tag us with bad names?

Why does it often take our lowest moments to find the space where God will meet us?

How have you seen God use your life and story to change the story of someone else?

What does it mean to be an ugly evangelist?

What changes in your life when you begin to focus on sharing the good news to those who are in need?

Ministry Time Questions:

Does anyone have someone that God has put on your heart to bring His good news to?

Is anyone feeling like they are at the bottom life, out of options for the future?