**I AM WILLING. BE CLEAN!**

Mark 1:40-45

Key Verse 1:41

*“Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be clean!’”*

1. Read verse 40. Who came to Jesus? What are the physical and social effects of leprosy (Lev 13:45-46)? How is leprosy like sin?
2. What was the attitude and request of the man with leprosy? What did he believe about Jesus? Why did he think that Jesus would receive him?
3. Read verses 41-42. What did Jesus do and say? How did he demonstrate the mercy of God (see also Ex 34:6-7; Ro 2:4)? What does it show about Jesus that he touched the leper? Why did the leper need Jesus’ touch?
4. What is the significance of Jesus’ words, “I am willing”? Of the words, “Be clean!” (see also Ps 51:1-4,7,10-11)? What happened when Jesus said, “Be clean!”? What does this event reveal about Jesus?
5. Read verses 43-45. What did Jesus tell the now-cleansed leper to do? Why? How could this help restore his social relationships? How did the man’s actions hinder Jesus and his ministry?