

1. Read (Seek) — Read the verses slowly and prayerfully several times. Write down any words or phrases that seem to stand out:

2. Meditate (Find) — Now begin to reflect on the verses and ask God what it means and how he wants to speak to you through the passage. **God what are you saying to me through this?**

3. Pray (Ask) — Respond from your heart to what God has been saying to you. **What do you want me to know?** Write down your prayer to him or record whatever he says to you.

4. Contemplate (Taste) — Be quiet before the Lord enjoying His presence. **How is God calling you to act in response to what he has shown you?**

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Gospel Reading – Luke 17:11-19 – Roman Missal

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master!” Have pity on us!” And when he saw them, he said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

Spiritual Reading

From Saint Augustine

O Lord, physician of my soul, heal me, that I may acknowledge Your gifts, O health of my soul, and thank You with all my heart for the favors You have showered upon me since my youth, and will continue to shower upon me unto old age. In Your goodness, do not abandon me, I beseech You. You made me when I did not exist; You willed to redeem me when I was perishing and was dead. You came down to him who was dead; You put on mortality; a King, You came to the servant to redeem him and gave Yourself that he might live; You endured death and conquered it, and humbling Yourself, You restored me.

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[1] Luke 5:31 [2] Saint John Vianney
[3] Fr. Gabriel; *Divine Intimacy*, page 838
[4] Fr. Gabriel, O.C.D; *Divine Intimacy*, page 839
[5] Prayer of Absolution; Rite of Confession

The Remedy for Sin - Lesson and Discussion

“Jesus, Master!’ Have pity on us!”

Jesus said, “They that are whole, need not the physician, but they that are sick.”[1] We can fear healing and so cling to our sickness and avoid the remedy. “It is surely a desperately sick person who scorns doctors and remedies and clings to his infirmities.”[2] “From ancient times leprosy has been considered the most fitting figure to represent the hideousness of sin, and indeed it would be difficult to picture anything more horrible and repulsive. Yet, while everybody has such a great dread of leprosy of the body, how indifferent and easy-going even Christians are in regard to leprosy of the soul.”[3]

King Baldwin IV, a Catholic and King of Jerusalem, was king from 1174 to 1185. He was a leper. Baldwin knew because of his leprosy, he would not live long. He also had to cover himself at all times, to cover up the sores of the disease. If others saw the sores, they would not want to get close, they also would see how weak he was and would perhaps lose respect for the king.

How does sin (spiritual leprosy) affect us in the same way as physical leprosy? How do we sometimes deal with sin, the way that physical leprosy is dealt with?

What are the stages are the steps to get rid of sin? What is the remedy or the cure? [4]

Sincere humility – Recognize the misery of sin. Recognize that we are sinners and susceptible to sin. **What are some reasons why we lose humility and begin to think that sin is commonplace and normal?**

Confident Recourse to God – **Do we turn to God for forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Is this Sacrament of healing and grace a part of our life?**

Have faith in the words and works of God’s ministers – God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.[5] **Do we believe these words, that all our sins are absolved, completely gone through Confession?** Satan would like for us to walk away from the Confessional still with shame and in doubt of God’s forgiveness, but we can rest assured that the power to forgive sins that Christ gave to His apostles is real.

Return to our Lord and thank Him with gratitude – **Are we thankful for such a gift, God’s mercy and forgiveness, do we return to Him in**

prayer, in Mass? Do we return to Him in the Sacrament of Confession to once again show Him that we are thankful and trust Him?