SVPG Church’s Sunday Sermon (2021/02/21)

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Au

Title: The Self-marginalized Jesus for the Marginalized You

**Luke 17:11-19**

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” 19 And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

Introduction

**Covid-19 “leper-izes”**

Who?

* **Main character: The Samaritan Leper #10, whom we name “Tenni” here**
* Challenges: Physical/health, social/relational, moral, religious, emotional/psychological
* Summary: Terminally marginalized, isolated, helpless, hopeless!

Encounter (17:11-13)

* Jesus’ journey through the middle of Samaria & Galilee: God of the “in-between”
* **Setting face upon Jerusalem**: Determination & progression to suffering & enthronement
* **Theme: Jesus self-marginalizes Himself to come save the marginalized you!**

Request & Response (17:14)

* Expectation: **Come** give mercy
* Reality: Here & now with you already!
* Response: **Go** show your faith-demonstrating actions

Healing (17:14-19)

* Tenni’s faith in his full healing
* Immediate return to give thanks
* **Setting face upon His feet**
* Essence in his thanksgiving: acknowledge, remember, submit

Reflection

* God’s presence in your pain & sufferings
* God’s strength in you to go in faith & courage
* God’s revelation of His greatness, and greater plans & purposes