

Connect Group notes 16 March 2026

'The Red Letter words of Jesus'

Chris continued the sermon series this week about some of Jesus' words from scripture.

He spoke about the man afflicted by leprosy, and how the touch of Jesus not only healed him physically, but also at a deep soul level, leading to his reintegration back into community.

Read Luke 5: 12-15

- How have we at times experienced feelings of unworthiness or unloveliness, maybe because of social stigma we carry, or shame about a sin struggle?
- How does sin, like leprosy, eat away at our lives?
- How does this affect how we see ourselves in Jesus, and does it affect how or whether we approach him?
- What about the leper's story reveals to us Jesus' response to us in our sin, shame and brokenness?
- Chris commented that 'sometimes we believe in Jesus' power but doubt his heart' – discuss your thoughts and experiences of this and what Jesus has taught you in it.
- *"Belonging anchors becoming"*
Why is healing incomplete without belonging to a faith community?
What role does our community play in our growth towards becoming resilient disciples of Jesus?

- Get into smaller groups and discuss what you sense Jesus is speaking to you about through this message. Share what you are going to do about it.

Pray for each other