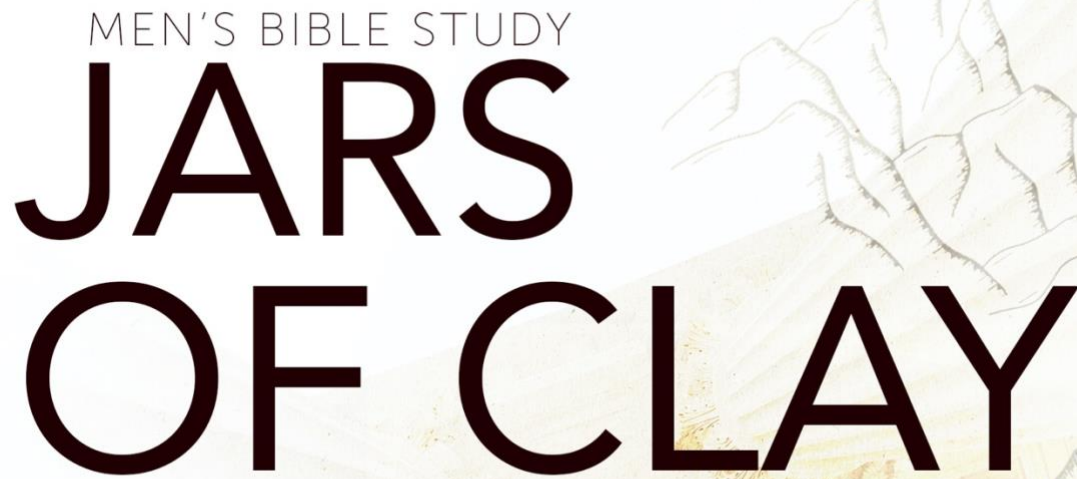


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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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SESSION TWO:

NAAMAN – THE PROUD LEPER

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2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman's Context

1. He lived in a desirable _____
2. He enjoyed an enviable _____
3. He had abundant _____
4. **BUT...He had leprosy**

Naaman's Condition

- **Leprosy is _____.** Sin is _____.
- Romans 3:23
- **Naaman's leprosy had no respect for his _____.**

Naaman's Cure

- **The cure came from an unexpected _____**
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
- **Naaman was insulted by the solution. It was _____**
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

SESSION TWO GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?

Review your notes from this week's teaching. Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Have you ever been humiliated? What were the circumstances? How did you handle the situation? What did you learn from it?

DIGGING DEEPER

Pastor Larry said that leprosy is a physical condition that is a picture of sin, which is a spiritual condition.

Read Galatians 5:16-26

1. What do these verses teach us about man's sinful nature?
2. What does the sinful nature produce in our lives?
3. What does the Spirit produce in our lives?
4. According to these verses, what is the "cure" for the sinful nature?

Naaman had power, prestige, and possessions, yet none of these were able to bring him a cure for his leprosy.

1. What are some ways that people unsuccessfully try to "cure" their sin problem?
2. Why are those attempts unsuccessful?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

1. What do these verses tell us about the kind of people that God most often calls and chooses to use?

2. Why do you think God chooses these kinds of people?
3. Why is it foolish for influential, wise, strong, and powerful people according to human standards to “boast before the Lord”?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1. Based on these verses, why do you think the “message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing?”
2. In what ways do these verses describe Naaman's approach to finding a cure for his leprosy?

In the story of Naaman in 2 Kings 5, the people that were used to bring Naaman to a cure for his leprosy were “servants.”

1. What does this tell you about what God looks for in people He uses for His purposes?
2. Who are some “unknown servants” that you know that God is using today? What qualities do they exhibit that stand out to you?

SESSION TWO GROUP PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

