

A New Way - Week 1
"This Foreigner"

Luke 17:11-19
The Way of Christ has no outsiders

## Yup, It's Still the Season of Pentecost

We are teaching through a sermon series in October, entitled "A New Way." Early Christians were called "Followers of the Way"

Today, we're going to read a story about ten people that Jesus healed, and how only one of them said thank you.

Strangers In A Strange Land - What it means to be a foreigner

Being a foreigner is humbling, tenuous, and scary.

My experiences - both with and without a guide.

The story we're about to read is about more than gratitude; it's about learning a lesson from an unlikely source (Luke loves this)

Ultimately, the experience of a foreigner teaches us the Gospel.

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- · To begin, a few words about leprosy in the Bible
- · Jesus heals ten men and then sends them all to the priest.
- The Samaritan has no place to go for restoration; instead, he returns.
- Luke's Gospel highlights Samaritans in previous chapters.
- · Even the Old Testament text for today speaks to being a foreigner.

The experience of the foreigner in this text reminds us all what it means to be displaced, oppressed, exiled and in need of grace and mercy.

### What Are The Lessons In This Text?

- 1. God's grace knows no boundaries or borders.
- 2. The way of Christ will not abide by arbitrary lines drawn between us.
- 3. God often chooses the most unlikely proclaimers of the good news.

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# SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

#### FOR FURTHER READING:

The Way of Jesus Christ Jurgen Moltmann

**Practicing The Way** *John Mark Comer* 

**Jesus For Everyone: Not Just Christians** 

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