

Today's Message: "Four Lepers and a Famine "

Mission

"Freeing People to Follow Jesus."

Vision

"One Church. Multiple Locations. All Generations."
"Reach 1% of the Greater Pittsburgh population (23,000)
for God's Kingdom."

Be Desperate

"Now there were four men who were lepers at the entrance to the gate. And they said to one another, 'Why are we sitting here until we die? If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare our lives we shall live, and if they kill us we shall but die.'" So they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. But when they came to the edge of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no one there. For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to come against us." So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp as it was, and fled for their lives. (2 Kings: 7: 3-7, ESV)

Be Generous

And when these lepers came to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent and ate and drank, and they carried off silver and gold and clothing and went and hid them. Then they came back and entered another tent and carried off things from it and went and hid them. Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king's household." (2 Kings 7:8-9, ESV)

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Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions:

1. How familiar are you with North Way's history and its mission and vision? Are there aspects that resonate with you?
2. Is there a section of your life right now that you are "desperate" to change? What is stopping you? Is it time for an epic journey? (If your group is comfortable stop right now and pray for each other's "desperation.")
3. In the sermon Scott asked; "Are you being generous with the victories God has already won in your life?" What are some battles that God has already won in your life? Are you being generous with God's provision and resources?
4. Thoughts on this statement from the sermon; "When you begin to live your life in a way that God designed you to live and be generous with all that He has given you; He will begin to maximize all your gifts & talents and all your opportunities & possibilities and there will be this unexplainable redemption and lift in your life."
5. Our walk with God is not often "neat and tidy." Is there a current aspect of your life that feels like; "One step forward and two steps back?"

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