



The Antidote | Jimmy Rollins | 8.9.20
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

Suppose you could go on one all-expense paid vacation right now. Where would you go and who would you bring?

SHARE

Welcome to our final week of Follow Me. In this series, we are looking at the invitation to be a disciple (a student) of Jesus. This week, Jimmy Rollins (Uncle Jimmy) was back to finish up this series. But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by having everyone answer these questions:

What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you this week?

Use one word to describe your week. Why did you choose that word?

What was the most challenging part of your week? Why?

What was the most inspiring conversation you had this week?

GROW

Read Luke 5:12-16

Which verse stuck out to you as you read this passage?

What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

In Week One of Follow Me, Shawn talked about the story at the beginning of Luke 5, when Jesus invited Peter to follow him. This week Jimmy preached about the story that happens next. In the very next verse, Jesus met a man with leprosy.

Leprosy is a terrible and offensive disease, and in those days, it led to dire social situations. Lepers had to live in their own communities, and every time they approached other people, they had to shout "unclean." That is some severe and permanent social distancing. And it's not like they could hide the disease, since it damages the skin, everyone knew this man had it.

But while the rest of the world ran away from this man, Jesus ran toward him and healed him of the disease!

We all have shortcomings and things we are embarrassed by, but these days we've gotten really good at hiding them. But when we follow Jesus, He invites us to repent, confess, and be healed. The truth is, Jesus is ready to take your pain, and He turns it into your platform. He doesn't just heal us to set us free; He heals us so that we can have a testimony that helps other people. Like Jimmy said, "our greatest misery has the potential to be our greatest ministry."

The thing holding you back right now has the potential to be a powerful testimony. Instead of being ashamed or hiding, bring it to the light, let God heal it, and then let the power of your story point people to Jesus!

What is the one thing holding you back from fulfilling the ministry of spreading the Good News of the Gospel? If you feel comfortable, tell the Group about it, because as Jimmy reminded us this week, "when we confess our sins to God, we are forgiven but when we confess our sins to each other we are healed."

Do you ever struggle to believe that Jesus can redeem your past? Why or why not.

M O V E

Read Matthew 22:34-40

What do you think it means to love your God?

What do you think it means to love your neighbor?

There is a reason why Jesus was around people who were down, broken and desperate. It's because He was always on the lookout for people in pain. As we've seen over and over again in this Series, Jesus ran toward people in need. He walked around with his eyes open, searching for people to bring complete healing to.

The man with leprosy walked up to Jesus, ashamed, and unclean. But after an encounter with Jesus, he walked away with a story to tell!

When you see someone who is in need of some help, do you run toward them or away from them?

This week we have an opportunity to be like Jesus. In the middle of this Covid-19 craziness, there are all sorts of people searching for answers, looking for an antidote. As Jimmy reminded us this week, the antidote has a name, and His name is Jesus. Because of what the Lord has done in our own lives, we are now to point our friends, family, and co-workers toward the cure!

Just because we can't be together within the four walls of the church, doesn't mean we get to social distance from God. The antidote is living inside of us and God is placing people in our lives who are desperately searching for it. This week we have an opportunity to be an antidote, by pointing people toward the remedy!

Is there someone in your life God is calling you to be the antidote for? Who is it?

What is one practical step you can take to point them to Jesus this week?

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate calls to share more freely.

T O G O

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12

