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IT'S MY TURN  
Discussion Guide

## BIG IDEA

When we pray, we can sometimes feel like God isn't answering our prayers. Could it be that some of your unanswered prayers are due to an unfinished assignment? God will often give us instruction after we have prayed but because we have not moved on the instruction, the prayers seem to go unanswered. Pastor Daniel reminds us that strength comes in waiting, but miracles come in the motion. Perhaps it is time to exercise your faith and respond to what God says in prayer.

## SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Luke 17:11-19
- James 4:6 (NLT)
- Psalm 107:1 (ESV)
- Psalm 100:4
- Psalm 71:8
- Psalm 145:3
- Psalm 150:4

## TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- In Luke 17, the lepers were outcasts and isolated. Who are today's outcasts?
- Why is isolation from others so dangerous?
- How do we play favorites or choose sides when it comes to helping others or sharing our faith? What can we do to avoid this?
- Why is isolation from Jesus so dangerous?
- What experiences have caused you to stay at a distance from Jesus? What can we do to avoid this?
- Why do you think Jesus simply told the ten lepers to go show themselves to the priest instead of immediately healing them? What was the evidence of their faith?
- Jesus gave the lepers an assignment. Do you embrace assignments, or do you expect instant gratification? Why?
- Are you working on any unfinished assignments now? What assignments are you not acting on that might explain why your prayers have seemingly gone unanswered?
- Why is it important to express gratitude to God?
- What happens when we praise God?
- What can we do to praise God?
- What did the Samaritan get that the other nine didn't?

## APPLICATION IDEAS

- To practice humility, gratitude, and praise, apply the following three concepts to your life or develop others of your own to move intentionality toward these biblical expectations: 1) look for the positive; 2) do not judge but seek to understand; and 3) listen without speaking (unless the Holy Spirit tells you otherwise).

## PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray that God will help you to see when it is your turn, and you will not miss it because you have been sitting in the seat of comparison.

## LEADER TIPS

- Be comfortable with silence. When you ask for a response to a question, wait 15 seconds before talking. This time allows members time to think, their courage to build, and the Holy Spirit to work.