

Week 10 - The Cleansing Waters

Encountering the True God

Our culture highlights large numbers and accomplishments, but God will sometimes work through less dramatic means. The story of Naaman the Syrian's healing illustrates big changes through small things.

1 - Reflecting on Our Gratitude - As we approach the Thanksgiving season, what are you most grateful for this year? Have each person in the group share (in case you may not be meeting next week!) -

2 - Watch the Video for Week 10 with Pastor Scott

3 - Read & Discuss the story of Naaman the Syrian -

- **The "Origin Story"** - Most Superhero movies include a back story of what the hero was like before they got their powers. Luke is the author of this Gospel and of Acts, in which Peter plays a significant role as a leader among the Apostles. But, before Peter the Apostle, there was Simon the fisherman:
 - **Read 2 Kings 5:1-27** - In this story we learn about a Gentile military leader who is introduced to the power of the God of Israel through the testimony of a servant girl. He travels from Damascus to meet with the prophet Elisha, who asks him to do something remarkably simple!
 - The map to the right shows the journey of Naaman to the area of the Jordan River.
 - **Share how God spoke to you in Pastor Tim's sermon on Naaman this past Sunday.**
 - **Read Luke 4:16-30** - Jesus references the story of Naaman in His sermon in the synagogue in Nazareth. Why do you think the people turned so quickly from being amazed at His words to anger at Him? How were Jesus' words challenging the people of Nazareth?
 - Does this challenge aspects of our culture today? How about the way we think about the Church?
- **Pray for each other - Share how today's readings inspire you to think, pray, and live with deeper faith in Jesus!**
- **Also share any concerns you may have as you prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday and time with family.**



Naaman's Healing Journey

Naaman travels from Damascus, the capital of Syria in Aram, to the region of Israel to meet with Elisha the prophet.

He is told to dip in the Jordan River, near the same site where Joshua crossed with the Israelites when he entered the Promised Land, where Elijah passed his mantle to Elisha, and where John the Baptist identified Jesus as the Lamb of God.

