

“Like the Lepers, Move from Sitting to SHARING”

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♥ **God’s Goal: Develop Disciples who are Christ-like**

📖 *2 Kings 7:3-11 (page 265 in the pew Bible)*

SEE THE STAGES OF DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

① **Sitting Stage**

“Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, ‘Why do we SIT here until we die?’” 2 Kings 7:3

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

② **Seeking Stage**

*“If we say, ‘We will enter the city, then the famine is there and we will surely die; and if we sit here, we will die also. Now therefore come, and let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare us, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.’”
2 Kings 7:4*

✝ *See Philippians 3:12-14*

③ **Selfish Stage**

*“When the lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they entered one tent and ate and drank, and carried from there silver and gold and clothes and went and hid them...”
2 Kings 7:8*

④ **Sharing Stage**

“They said to one another, ‘We are not doing right. This is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent...Let us go and tell the king’s household.’” 2 Kings 7:9

♥ **Our Holy Task: One beggar telling the other beggars where the free bread is located!**

Before How Now (*Acts 26:1-23*)