

**Willing to Be Unclean**  
**Gospel of Mark**  
**April 12, 2026**  
**Mark 1:1-39**

**Sermon Points:**

**Introduction**

1. The Man Who Came Near (v. 40)
2. The Touch (v. 41–42)
3. The Exchange (v. 43–44)
4. For Those Still Waiting

**Conclusion**

**Questions (For personal reflection and small group discussion)**

1. When have you felt like an outsider: left out, unwanted, or invisible?
2. The sermon named several barriers to reaching out: fear, numbness, superiority, busyness... Which one is most true of you right now?
3. The leper said, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Where might Jesus be asking you to say the same thing: to trust his willingness, even before you see the healing?
4. Have you ever had a moment when someone’s simple willingness to be with you (not to fix you) made a lasting difference in your life?
5. Read Mark 1:40-45 together. What detail stands out to you that you might have missed before?
6. What would it look like for you this week to “reach out to someone no one reaches out to”? Not to fix them, but simply to be with them?

