

October 27 Answers

- 1) In the story of Jesus healing ten lepers in a border town between Galilee and Samaria: 1) The racial and social **barriers** between Jews and Samaritans had been set aside because of the affliction the lepers shared. Everyone is **equal** at the foot of the cross, for we all need Jesus' cleansing touch; 2) Jesus didn't heal the lepers and then send them to the priest. Instead, He told them to **go**, and "as they **went** they were cleansed." His command carried the implication that they would be healed, but they had to **believe** and **act** before they were cured. True faith takes action in **obedience** to God's Word; 3) Only a Samaritan, a "foreigner," returned to give thanks and praise to God. The other lepers were glad for the gift, but they did not value the **giver**. A grateful heart comes from recognizing how **unworthy** we are and how worthy God is. The Pharisees tested Jesus by asking him about divorce. His response teaches us that: a) Genesis is a record of **actual** historical events; b) Adam and Eve were a **real** man and woman; c) God designed marriage to be the **union** of one man and one woman—they become "one **flesh**"; d) Marriage is meant to last for **life**; e) Certain sins can **shatter** a marriage; f) Divorce is a last **resort**, and it must be never be done lightly or without explicit grounds; g) Moses' law concerning divorce was meant to **protect** women, not give men an excuse to satisfy their flesh.