Cross Park CHURCH

***Series* | The Gospel of Mark**
***Sermon* | The Secret to Life**
Mark 1:40-45

Sermon Outline
You can trust Jesus…
I. Because he cares
II. Because he is exceedingly merciful
III. Because he took your place

Pre-Sermon Questions: What are the hardest questions for you when you read the gospels? Have Jesus's secretive comments ever puzzled you?

Small Group Reflection Questions

1. Read Mark 1:40-45. If Jesus's touch cleanses the leper, what does that say about his ability to cleanse us? How do we communicate this to the world?
2. Describe Jesus's compassion here. Why is it significant that compassion is the emotion most frequently attributed to Jesus?
3. What difficult things are you facing right now? How might you apply this teaching to your circumstances?
4. Describe the actions of the man who had just been cleansed. In what ways are we similar to him? What does that say about us?
5. How is the reversal (of the leper's circumstances and Jesus's circumstances) a clue as to why Jesus came? Why is this so central to the message of the Gospel?
6. If someone asked you to explain why Jesus occasionally asked others to be quiet about his actions or identity, how would you answer them?