

Week of February 3, 2019 Jesus Heals a Leper

IMPORTANT NOTE for the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting contact all members of your group. If anyone was absent last week make sure they get a copy of the Guide for this week. **You also must complete a Guide.**

Make sure you check on your APPRENTICE each week. How is your apprentice doing?

Encourage your group to spend time on the scripture passage, **Luke 5:12-16**, and to respond to the questions from the Guide BEFORE the meeting time. Also encourage your group to find out what they can about the background of the passage. What can they find out about lepers in the first century? Give the memory verses, Luke 5:12-13 and ask them to memorize the verses.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- At the last gathering we looked at the Jesus calling the first disciples. Are there any more thoughts on that passage?
- How did your relational investments go this week?

Go over the last weeks' and this week's memory verse: Luke 4:8, 4:31-32, 4:43, 5:10b-11, 5:12-13.

Our passage for this week is Luke 5:12-16. What have you learned about the background or context of the passage? What have you learned about leprosy in the first century?

Ask someone to read Luke 5:12-16. OPTION: You may ask someone to memorize the passage/story to share. If so, you can also ask the group to rebuild the story and then have someone read the passage.

Ask the group to share their responses to the following:

- How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?
- What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus or be a better disciple?
- Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do? What will you do this week?
- Who do you know personally that fits in the "leper" category? What will you do to reach out to that person?
- Ask if anyone started the optional challenge study on the guide.

Ask someone to summarize the passage. Go over the memory verse again. Encourage them to keep reviewing the verses.

Hand out Guides for next week's passage. Luke 5:17-26, The Healing of a Paralytic.

Close in Prayer.

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Guide

During the week prior to your group meeting, spend some time studying the assigned passage: Luke 5:12-16.

Read Luke 5:1-11 again to help you understand the context for our focal passage. (Optional challenge study: start a journal page for the disciples and add to it each time you see them mentioned.)

How has God spoken to you this week through Luke 5:12-16?

What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus or be a better disciple?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

The memory verses for this week are Luke 5:12-13. Write the verses here in the Bible version you are using. Review past verses.

Who do you know personally that fits in the “leper” category? What will you do to reach out to that person?

Remember to take this guide with you to the group meeting.