Lifegroup Curriculum: Healing

Looking Back (15 mins) Family Time

- 1. Vision:
 - Vision Statement: Invite someone in your lifegroup to share what your Lifegroup's vision means to them.
 - Connect Question: What does your perfect day look like?
- 2. Check-Ins: Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

Looking Up

Worship (~15 mins)

- Waymaker Leeland
- Refiner Maverick City Music

Bible Study (20 mins)

<u>Context:</u> The 10 men with leprosy would have not only suffered from their physical disease, but also stigma in the community. They likely had been cut off from their families, and viewed as unclean. Note that the man centered in the story is a Samaritan, which would have been shocking or even offensive to Jesus' Jewish followers.

Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)

11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. 12 As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, 13 crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" **16** He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. **17** Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? **18**



Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

- What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?
- What do you learn about people?
- What strikes you about the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan?
- What can you personally take away from this story?
- Who's someone you know who may be encouraged by this story?

Healing Prayer Exercise (20 mins)

Just as <u>Pastor Carol went over with us</u>, we can pray for one another for healing, and it's great to do even if you've done this exercise before...there is always more room for God's healing power! If your group is comfortable with engaging with healing praying, break into groups of 3-4, and ask:

- 1. How can I pray for you? (identify the issue they are experiencing)
- 2. Gauge the pain level (1-10).
- 3. Pray in faith!
- 4. Check the pain level now. (If it's not changing, invite the person to ask Holy Spirit, "Is there anything blocking me from experiencing your healing?").
- 5. Pray again if it's not healed.

Some things to keep in mind:

- We don't blame people for what they're suffering from/that they don't have enough faith.
- Don't say "If it's God's will..." (We can pray with faith that God is healer!)
- Rather than just wanting to see a miracle, this is a chance for us to agree with God's heart for wholeness in others.

If there aren't very many people in your group that need healing, perhaps think about others you know who may need healing and intercede for them!

Looking Forward (15 mins)

Gather in groups of 3-4, and pray for one another:

- Share what this experience was like for you.
- Ask God for words of encouragement for each other.