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WELCOME:
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Suggested Icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share a recent incident when they received an act of compassion. How did it make them feel?

WORSHIP:
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Suggested song:
[Because He Lives](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will be encouraged and encourage others to come to Jesus Christ, who is compassionate toward those in need.
2. GG members will confess and repent their sins to Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus had been ministering in the region of Galilee. Because of the multitude he had healed (Luke 4:38-41), he had gained a large following. However, Christ's ministry is more than just miracle healing. He came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). The primary need of humanity is spiritual, not physical. And Christ has both the authority and the compassion to meet this need.

Jesus healed a leper (vv. 12-16)

In one of the cities of Galilee, a leper approached Jesus seeking to be healed. Lepers were outcasts during that time. They had to live in isolation so that they would not make others unclean. Jesus had compassion on him and healed him.

1. What was the man who approached Jesus afflicted with? What is significant about being a leper during that time? (cf. Leviticus 13:45-46; Numbers 5:2-4)
2. What was the nature of his plea to Jesus? Did he doubt that Jesus could heal him?
3. The Mosaic Law taught that those who touched an unclean person, such as a leper, would become unclean as well. What happened when Jesus touched the leper?
4. Why do you think Jesus instructed the leper not to tell anyone of his healing? What did Jesus command him to do instead? (cf. Leviticus 14:1-32)
5. What did Jesus do after the crowds came and gathered around him? What does this tell us about the importance of prayer?

WORD & WALK:

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Application

Jesus is compassionate and will never turn away anyone who goes to him seeking redemption (John 6:37). If you feel that you are beyond redemption, be encouraged and to turn to Jesus. If you know someone who may think they are beyond redemption, point them to Christ and encourage them to turn to the compassionate Savior.

Jesus healed a paralytic (vv. 17-26)

On one occasion, when Jesus was teaching, a large crowd came to hear him. A group of four people, carrying a paralytic, came hoping that Jesus would heal him. But Jesus did more than just heal him of paralysis, to the surprise of everyone present.

1. How would you describe the four men who carried the paralytic? How do you think they were related to the man?
2. What did Jesus see in these men? What does this tell you about the importance of having fellow believers walk alongside you in your journey of faith? (cf. Philippians 1:27; 2 Timothy 2:2)
3. What did Jesus say to the paralytic?
4. Why do you think the scribes and Pharisees reacted the way they did? What did they think about God and about Jesus? (cf. Isaiah 44:21-23; Psalm 103:2-3)
5. What can you learn about Jesus from the fact that he was able to heal the paralytic? (cf. Luke 1:35; John 20:28)
6. How did the paralytic and the people present respond to the miracle? Why do you think they responded that way?

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Application

Jesus not only has compassion toward those who are in need, both spiritual and physical, but he also has the authority and ability to meet those needs. Jesus can forgive sins, and he can heal our infirmities because he is God. Confess your sins to him and repent, for you can be assured of God's faithfulness to forgive (1 John 1:9).

PRAYER ITEM

Father God, thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Indeed, he is both God and human. It is only through him that we can have redemption and forgiveness of sins. I confess my sins to you and turn away from them. Forgive me, and transform my heart, that I may live a life of holiness which pleases you and is according to your will. All this I pray in Jesus' name. Amen. ■



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