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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:
Give each GG member a minute to think about how they would finish the following sentence: I would be truly happy in life if only I had _____. Then, take turns sharing answers and the thought process behind those answers.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- [Blessings](#)
- [Blessed Is the One](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will deepen their worship of Christ, desiring to live out His example of compassion in their everyday lives.
2. GG members will understand more the truth about being considered blessed when following Jesus Christ, strengthening their resolve in obedience.

INTRODUCTION

In the previous passage, we saw how Jesus Christ came to select the twelve apostles out of His disciples (6:12-16). He chose them after spending all night praying to God. From there, we arrive at our passage today where Jesus, with the twelve apostles on a level plain, healed and taught many who came to Him.

Jesus ministered to a multitude through His healing (vv. 17-19)

With the twelve apostles, Jesus Christ came down to a level place and encountered a number of people. He ministered to those who had come to hear Him and be healed.

1. Who are the characters in the passage? With your GG members, identify and distinguish the different groups of people from each other. It may also be helpful to look up a map online and make observations on the locations mentioned in verse 17.
2. According to the passage, why did these people come to Jesus? How did Jesus respond?
3. In other passages, we similarly find a connection in Jesus' ministry between touch and healing (cf. Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:40-42, Luke 8:43-48). Discuss with your GG members what you think is the significance of this.

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Application

One possible reflection we may arrive at from the passage concerns Christ's level of compassion for people from all walks of life. How would you assess your current level of compassion for the people you encounter every day? Perhaps share with the group what opportunities to minister to someone in need you still find yourself reluctant to pursue.

Jesus taught the disciples about blessedness (vv. 20-23)

Addressing His disciples, Jesus Christ then began to teach. Specifically, he taught them how they ought to be considered blessed and the reason behind such.

1. Understanding the word “blessed” is key to understanding Jesus’ teachings in the text. Do a word study on what the word means. It may also be helpful to consider Jesus’ command in verse 23.
2. Compare Luke’s list of the Beatitudes with Matthew’s (cf. Matthew 5:2-12). What can you observe about the way Jesus structures each Beatitude statement? Which of the Beatitudes appear similar to one another? How is the fourth Beatitude in Luke’s record different from the first three?
3. Share with each other which of the four Beatitudes ministers to you greatly today. Each GG member may look back to what they personally shared in the suggested Icebreaker.

Application

While following Jesus Christ comes with hardships, He also gives several reasons in the passage why it will all be worth it. As a reversal of the Suggested Icebreaker from a while ago, have each GG member spend a minute thinking about how they would finish the following sentence: I can be truly happy in life, and it's because Jesus _____. Then, as before, take turns sharing answers and the thought process behind those answers.

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

PRAYER ITEM

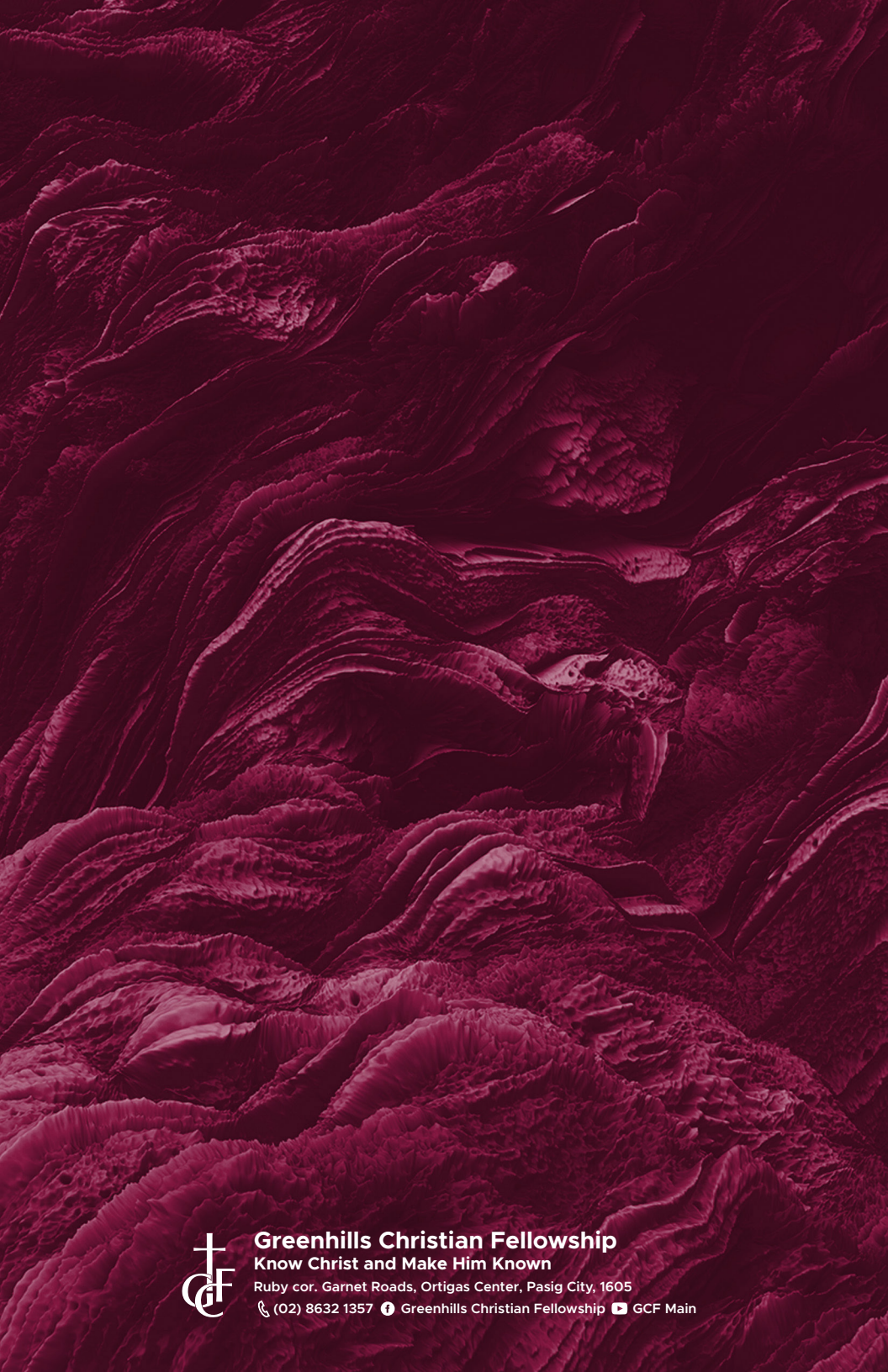
Dear God,

You are so perfectly powerful and personal. Thank You because Your grace and compassion overflows. Though I am undeserving, You have still given me the path to experiencing Your perfect joy. When hardships come my way this week, help me to remember that trusting You in obedience is worth it. May others decide to follow You because they saw me refuse to quit. This I pray in Christ's name. Amen. ■



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