

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

- 1. **BELONG** Spend time slowing down and assessing how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Have group members each share their answer to one of the two questions below and allow time and space for encouraging spiritual conversation.
  - A. Life goes in cycles like seasons: winter is cold, spring is cool but getting warmer, summer is hot, fall is warm but getting colder. What season are you in spiritually?
  - B. Who was the first person to really make a personal impact on you spiritually? How did they do that?
- 2. **DISCOVER** Discuss the questions below. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue of discovery, not a monologue. This section is all about hearing the Word of God together.
  - A. Read Luke 17:11-19 around the circle (if 9 people then each one reads 1 verse).
  - B. Have one person summarize the story in their own words without looking at the story.
  - C. Read it around again.
  - D. Have an open discussion in the group with these questions:
    - a. What do you like, what surprises you, or catches your attention in this story?
    - b. What do we learn in this story about human nature? About ourselves?
    - c. What do we learn about who Jesus is? What do we learn about what He came to do?
- 3. **GO** In the gospels, we learn of Jesus' emphasis on transformation above and beyond mere information.
  - A. Consider the seven stages of healing in this story:
    - 1. Standing at a distance from Jesus
    - 2. Lifting my voice to Jesus
    - 3. Listening to Jesus
    - 4. Taking first steps to obey Jesus
    - 5. Healing from Jesus
    - 6. Return to Jesus with thanksgiving
    - 7. Wellness from faith in Jesus.
  - B. What stage are you in right now with some specific area of pain in your life?
  - C. Take time in this moment to finish the statement, "Based on what I just read and learned, I will \_\_\_\_\_\_ this week." (Be specific; how would others know if you actually did this?)
- 4. **PRAY** Each person chooses one of the following ways to pray:
  - A. Declare specific attributes and works of God (love, forgiveness, patience, power, etc.) that have been used to make you "well."
  - B. Pray for the specific "I will..." statement/s (3.B. above) of someone else in your group.