

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Who is someone you admire, whether known personally or in name only? Is it their competency (abilities) or their character that you admire most?

LEARN & APPLY

In Luke 4 and 5, we see both Jesus' great power (ability) and Jesus' great compassion (character). In each situation below people have been wounded in different ways and, to each, Jesus brings a different kind of healing.

Read the stories in Luke 4:31-37, 38-41, and 5:12-16, 5:17-26. For each, ask:

- What is the 'wound' in each story, and how does Jesus heal it?
- What do you learn about Jesus' competency (what he can do) and his character (why he does it)?
- What does this story teach? (Summarize in a few words.)

What wounds are you dealing with or have you experienced? What wounds do you see others struggling with?

From his time of prayer (see Luke 4:42-44), Jesus went on to call disciples to join him in his mission.

Read Luke 5:1-11. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle? What is the wound, and what is the healing here?

Read Luke 5:27-32. What is similar to Peter's call story? What is Jesus' mission here?

What do you think is the calling of one who follows Jesus? In what ways do you feel confident in your calling as a Christian? In what ways do you feel unclear or inadequate?

PRAY

Ask the Lord to heal the things in you that he healed in these stories. If there are certain needs (physical, emotional, or spiritual) you'd like to name out loud, do so in prayer together. You can use this structure and each pray "Jesus, thank you for seeing and loving me. Please heal my ..."