

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Give a 5-minute review of Peppy's sermon

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Please don't feel you have to cover every question. They become increasingly deeper and more thoughtful toward the end. It may help to highlight questions you want to be sure to cover, depending on the dynamics of your group and the time available. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

### **CONNECT Group study questions for March 20 - Luke 19:1-10**

#### **Title: The Testimony of the Tax Collector**

Read **Luke 19:1-10**— *He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

**Facilitator:** In the four stories of healing below, encourage the group to share examples of healing in their own experience and the role faith—their faith, or someone else's faith—played in making them whole. Remind them that God's healing is not always instantaneous, not always physical, sometimes emotional, and always spiritual.

**Read:** Luke 18:35-43 and **discuss** the healing of the blind man.

**Read:** Luke 8:40-48 and **discuss** the healing of the woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years.

**Read:** Luke 8:26-39 and **discuss** the healing of the man possessed with demons.

**Read:** Luke 7:11-17 and **discuss** the bringing back to life the widow's only son.

**Question:** Review the last verse or two of each story. What was the response of the person who was healed, and of people who witnessed the miracle? How important is it to tell people from your personal experience about the healing power of God?

**Question:** In what way does the last sentence of the Zacchaeus story: "*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost*" explain the reason for Jesus' miracles in these four stories?