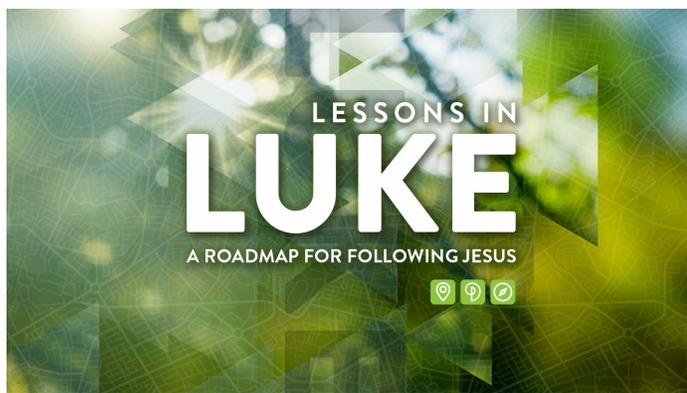


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Healing Within a Healing

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Every person has value, and every sadness needs lament. We need to lament and grieve our losses because it reminds us that those things matter to us and that we matter. Jesus shows us that every person deserves to be seen and listened to and honored and healed.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: LUKE 8:40-56

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Prior to this passage, we see that Jesus had healed a man possessed of demons in the country of the Gerasene's. This area was primarily inhabited by Gentiles, and the man he healed had nothing to do with the God of Israel. Jesus healed him without regard for his beliefs or culture. After this healing, the people were afraid of this type of demonstration of healing power and asked him to leave. Jesus goes to the other side of the lake and the story continues from there. We see two daughters in need of Jesus' healing, and faith changes their situation. One had the faith of her father and another had faith because it was all she had left. Jesus cared for both, no matter their faith or status.

This little girl was not physically able to come to Jesus, so her father sought Jesus on her behalf; a father filled with grief for his little girl who was at the point of death. A loving father who ran to Jesus and fell at his feet and begged him to come to his house to heal his daughter. And as Jesus was walking through the crowd, the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years came to find Jesus. Not wanting to be noticed, embarrassed, shamed even more than she already felt, she believed if she could just touch his robe, she would be healed. She made her way to him to just touch the hem of his garment and he felt the healing energy leave him and stopped, asked twice who touched him, and she fell at his feet confessing her need for healing and that she had immediately been healed. Jesus called her 'Daughter'! Jesus said her faith had healed her, and to go in peace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a time when you experienced healing, whether physical or emotional. What was that like?
- What is Jesus teaching us in this passage?
- What are the similarities between the little girl's story and the woman's? What are the differences?
- How can we apply this story in our lives today? How can we be a part of someone's healing story?

APPLICATION: This week, ask God to reveal an area in your life that might need healing. Invite God into that space and ask for God's healing power to enter your life. Who else in your life needs healing? Pray for them.