

**GETTING STARTED:**

1) What sort of things do you  
in order to “feel better”?

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2) What is the longest time you were home sick from school?

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA: Conversations: Praying for Healing****MAIN SCRIPTURE: Luke 5:17-26**

(Have a group member read)

**DISCUSSION**

1) What is the connection between sin and sickness? How did Jesus respond to this?

2) Why did Jesus tell the man that his sins were forgiven?

3) How do you react to prayers that are not answered in ways that bring comfort?

4) In this broken world, do our individual prayers really make a difference?

**DIG DEEPER (Other scriptures?)**

1) How crucial is faithful prayer (James 5:13-18) What is the goal of such prayer?

2) The Greek word in James 5 for healing also translates as “made whole” and “forgiveness. How does that affect your thoughts on God’s promise of healing?

3) In II Corinthians 12:7-10, Paul prayed three times before accepting the situation. James suggested persistent prayer. How long should we pray for something?

**BRING IT HOME**

1) In what ways do we sometimes confuse who is God and who is the servant?

2) How can we appreciate the sufficiency of God’s grace if the healing we request does not come in the way we expect?

**ASK FOR GOD’S HELP**

1) What healing or other needs do you have that we can pray for this week?

2) Are there praises of thanks that we need to offer for healing that God has done?