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- Focus** Jesus is the great physician. When Jesus was on earth, He healed people because He was moved with compassion for them. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever and still has compassion for people and heals them physically.
- Fun** Take a moment and share testimonies of things God has done this past semester. What prayers has God answered? How has God drawn people closer to Himself? How have the relationships in the group been a blessing?
- Review** Key Scripture: Mark 1:40–42; Matthew 14:14
- **Jesus is a physician because He loves people.**
Jesus is not a sensationalist who heals people to prove who He is. Jesus is not a “confessionalist” who believes we should deny the facts, and Jesus is not a dispensationalist. Jesus is a physician because He loves people.
 - **Jesus is willing to heal.**
Jesus bore our sins on the cross, and Matthew 8:17 states that Jesus also bore our sicknesses and infirmities. Sometimes people believe Jesus took our sins but don’t believe that Jesus bore our sickness too. It is His will for all to be saved and all to be healed.
 - **Jesus is willing to heal you.**
One hindrance people often encounter with healing is that they feel like they are not good enough or deserving enough for Jesus to heal them. The great news is that—similar to salvation—none of us are deserving. That is why we

need God's grace. The same grace we need to be saved is the same grace we need to be healed because we are unworthy.

Group Dynamics Idea As the spring semester comes to an end, take time to talk with your group and make plans for the summer. If you're taking a break from meeting regularly, ask someone in your group to plan a few summer gatherings for everyone to get together. Hanging out at the park or doing a monthly barbeque are great ways for everyone to stay connected while you take a short break from meeting regularly.

- Discuss**
1. Read Matthew 14:14. Why do you think it is significant that Jesus healed people because He was moved with compassion? What do you think compassion looks like?
 2. Have you ever experienced a physical healing in your own life? If so, share with the group.
 3. There are many teachings today about healing that are either sensationalist, confessionalist, or dispensationalist. Some are overly hyper while others try to explain away the Bible. Were you brought up in a religious setting that taught an unbiblical view of healing? If so, how did this message challenge those teachings?
 4. Read Matthew 8:17 and Isaiah 53:5. What do you think it means that Jesus bore our sicknesses and that by His stripes we are healed?
 5. Often people don't feel they deserve to be healed. How does the grace we need to be saved parallel the grace we need to be healed?
 6. Does anyone in the group have a need for physical healing? If so, take time to gather around and pray for each person who needs physical healing.

- Take Home**
- As we conclude, remember the following:
- Jesus heals people because He loves them.
 - Jesus is willing to heal.
 - Jesus is willing to heal you.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You that through Jesus Christ we can be healed. Thank You that Jesus bore our sins and also our sicknesses on the cross. Thank You for the free gift of salvation and also for the free gift of healing.

Thank You that even though we don't deserve it, You are willing to heal us.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Take a moment to reflect back on this spring semester. What were some of the things that went well and were life-giving? What were some of the challenges? Ask yourself what things you will continue to do next semester and what things you can do to make your group even better.