

## Welcome Back!

## Community Group Leaders Guide

### Luke 5:17-26 /// Week of September 3

Today's big idea: Jesus responds to our faith.

**This week is designed as a reintroduction to Community Groups. If you have new group members take some time to introduce and get to know one another even beyond what is written here.**

- Tell a story to the group about something you did over the summer.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together and **Expectations (start off these first couple weeks with some ground work – model what was learned at CGL Training and embrace the Mission and Vision of HFC)**
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

#### Head

**Try to do the Storytelling. This is a fairly familiar text and remember, it doesn't need to be perfect to be effective.**

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of the healing of the paralytic.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 5:17-26 in the Bible.
- What seemed odd about the way Jesus first spoke to the paralytic?
- What did those present learn about Jesus that day?

#### Heart

**These are challenging questions but don't push too hard this first week. Just take note who is sharing and who isn't for future reference.**

- The perseverance of the friends caught the attention of Jesus. Where are you in regard to persevering to be in the presence of Jesus? What helps you and where do you need some help?
- Jesus responded to the thoughts of the Pharisees and teachers of the law. How do you feel about Jesus knowing and responding to what's in your head?

#### Hands

**Be ready to go first on these.**

- Share with the group steps of faith that God has challenged you to take either tonight or this summer.
- Back to Church Sunday is this Sunday. Who will you invite into the presence of Jesus?
- Pray for each other and opportunities to help others get to Jesus.