



NOTE: This discussion guide is intended for groups who have already gone through the Better Together Home Team Study in Fall 2017. If you have not, your leader will provide you with the study when you meet.

Serve Others

BETTER TOGETHER: WEEK 3 • LUKE 5:17-26

① Big Idea Home Teams can expand the kingdom by serving and inviting.

Read & Discuss Answers

Write notes and prayers on the back

OPENING QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever been invited to something where you felt uncomfortable? What was the result?
- 2. What stood out to you in this weekend's message?

IN THE WORD

- Luke 5:20 tells us that Jesus saw their faith before He healed.
 Perhaps this refers to their belief that Jesus would heal their
 friend, but it's also possible that He recognized their faith by the
 action they were taking. Look closely at verses 18-19 and discuss
 what these actions were and whether or not you would have
 done this for a friend if you were in their place.
- 2. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commands us to disciple, baptize, and teach others. Why do you think He chose to put this task in our hands rather than extend His life on earth and do it Himself?
- 3. Read Matthew 22:1-14. As He tells this parable, Jesus gives us a glimpse into the value He places on inviting others in verses 9 and 10. Why might the actions of His servants in these verses have surprised those who had been invited (but did not come) and those who were now being invited (and did come)?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

- 1. Was there a time when someone else was instrumental in "bringing you" to Jesus, mentoring you, or discipling you? Did you learn anything from that experience that would help you do the same for others?
- 2. Is there someone in your circle of friends, classmates, or co-workers that God is leading you to pray for, invite, or serve? It might be useful for each person in your Home Team to make a short list of people they spend most of their time around. Consider each person on that list and discuss whether there is an opportunity to serve or to invite.
- 3. Sometimes inviting or serving others can bring us into contact with people we know we can't "fix." Does this ever hinder or weaken your willingness to interact with them as a representative of Christ? How do these friends in Luke 5 serve as an example?
- 4. Is there a way your Home Team can serve or invite together?

 Take time to go around the room and discuss what you would like to do together.

Notes & Prayers

