

***Leaders Note:** Just a reminder that this is a guide to help facilitate your group. You do not have to cover all of the material on this lesson.

READ: John 1:35-46, Luke 7:1-23, Jeremiah 29:11

OPEN:

- What Easter service will you be attending this Sunday at your campus?
- Talk about a time in your life when someone invited you to an event. How did this make you feel? What was the event? What was the impact?
- What are some things in your life right now that distract you from seeing Jesus?

DIG: * *Read:* Luke 7:1-23

- What circumstances caused John the Baptist from his question in Luke 7:20?
- Why are there people in your sphere of influence that are have heard about Jesus yet are confused to who He is?
- John the Baptist was the forerunner and cousin of Jesus Christ. His purpose was God-ordained from birth to make way for the coming Messiah. He is locked up and thrown in prison while Jesus is out healing and caring for Gentiles. Why is it hard for most people to be distracted yet still want Jesus to intervene in their lives?
- Discuss this quote: "Your circumstances can cloud you from seeing Jesus in your midst."
- From the time of Jesus up until today, everyone has expectations of who Jesus is and what He can do for them. Where does this attitude of the heart come from?
- What was Jesus' response to John the Baptists followers in Luke 7:21-23?
- Jesus's response reflects now who Jesus was, but who he is. What is Jesus like? (Leader's Note: blind see, lame walk, deaf hear, dead live, & poor hear Good News)
- What are some practice ways we can live out the attributes of Christ in our faith journey mentioned in Luke 7:21-23?
- What does it like for us to invite people to "Come & See" and for us to "Go & Tell?"

REFLECT:

- Discuss the Big Idea from the sermon this week: We will invite everyone we know to meet Jesus when we see He Is the God who: 1) Restores (eyes & feet). 2) Redeems ("my condition"). 3) Raises dead things to life (salvation, Gospel).
- Discuss when Jesus became the forgiver of your past and the leader of your future.
- Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future hope." How has Jesus provide you with Godly vision and direction for your life?
- Invite people to the Good Friday service at NB Campus 5pm, and Easter worship experiences at your campus.
- What are the two or three things the Holy Spirit spoke most clearly to you this this connection group today and how will you respond to Him?