Women's Bible Study

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

Lesson 5: The Miracles of Luke

Leader's Guide

Opening Prayer

- Tell of miracles you have seen in your life. What purposes have these accomplished? Begin by
 defining what a miracle is: an occurrence which can be explained only by God's power.
 Encourage the women to share times when God has shown his power in their life or the lives of
 people in their world.
- 2. Using the list of Scripture texts, sort the miracles into the following categories: Healing (H), resurrection (R), casting out demons (C) and demonstrating power (P). Have the ladies read the passages from the sheets of paper and then build piles for each category.

Luke 4:38-39 Peter's mother-in-law H Luke 4:33-35 man with an evil spirit C Luke 5:1-11 huge catch of fish P Luke 5:12-13 Man with skin disease H Luke 5:18-25 Paralyzed man H Luke 6:6-10 Man with paralyzed arm H Luke 7:1-10 the centurion's servant H Luke 7:11-15 widow's son R Luke 8:27-35 man with demons at Gadara C Luke 8:22-25 stilling the storm P Luke 8:41-42, 49-56 Jarius' daughter R Luke 8:43-48 woman with hemorrhage H Luke 9:12-17 feeding the 5000 P Luke 9:38-43 boy with epilepsy & demon D Luke 11:14 dumb man with a demon D Luke 13:11-13 crippled woman with evil spirit D Luke 14:1-4 man with swollen limbs H Luke 17:11-19 men with skin diseases H Luke 22:50-51 restored severed ear H Luke 18:35-43 sight to the blind beggar H

How can you see God using Luke's own person in recording his gospel? It will be obvious that there are an abundance of healing miracles recorded by Luke that would be of particular interest to our doctor friend.

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Be sure to note the miracle of Jesus' birth and the miracle of his resurrection that was the completion of salvation for all.

- 3. There are four miracles not reported in the other three Gospels: the crippled woman, man with swollen limbs, ten men with skin disease and the ear of the high priest's servant. In which category do they fall? Healing of particular interest and amazement for a doctor
- 4. What are some purposes of the miracles which are recorded in Scripture? Through the miracles in Luke we see that Luke believed in Jesus as: the Messiah, the Son of God, the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises, the epitome of love and compassion, the source of all power
- 5. How has the recording of miracles in the gospel of Luke brought you closer to Jesus? Someone may want to share how they have grown in their understanding of Jesus through Luke.

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