

Called to Nursing Care

As you gather together to hear and apply God's Word, start by sharing how you were influenced by the previous study since your group last met. Use the following questions for review.

D Debrief & Interpret

- How did you apply the previous Scripture study?
- What did you learn about God as you applied the Word? What did you learn about yourself?

H Hear the Word

Have you heard anyone say they felt "called" into nursing? What led to your decision to pursue nursing? This Scripture passage looks at God's call to meet the needs of those who are hurting.

[Read Isaiah 61:1-3:](#)

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners

²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God to comfort all who mourn, ³and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Discuss:

- What are the three types of patients noted in v.1? What do you think are the unique needs of each group? To which group are you most readily drawn?
- How do you think a person's physical health can be affected by his or her spiritual needs (e.g. for love, purpose, meaning, forgiveness, etc.)?
- Jesus quoted this passage (see Luke 4:17-20) as his "mission statement." In what ways do you think this passage can be part of your mission statement as a nurse? How do you think God's splendor is displayed in this process (v.3)?



R Respond Actively

As you end your study, choose one or both of the options below to apply the Scripture to your life this week.

- *Internal:* What are your current spiritual needs? In what ways do you need Jesus' healing in your life – anointing, freedom, proclamation, release, comfort, joy, etc.? How can you make space in your life for Jesus' healing this week?
- *External:* Memorize Isaiah 61:1-3 (or some key phrases in it). Before you start your clinical day, recite the passage as a prayer. Then live out this Isaiah passage as your "mission statement" as you care for these patients! *If you have time, as a group, brainstorm some possible ways that you can provide this type of care for patients.*