Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An eye-witness account of Jesus' life, written by His follower Luke.

People assumed those who were sick or paralyzed had sinned causing it to happen.

Oftentimes tax collectors would betray others in their community by charging extra money and keeping the money for themselves. Because of this people did not like or associate with them.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus forgives and heals a paralyzed man. Then He eats with a tax collector.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 4: CARING FOR THE DIFFICULT

Luke 5:17 – 32 (NIV)

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were
sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea
and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the
sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take
him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way
to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him
on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of
Jesus.
20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."
21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves,
"Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God
alone?"
22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking
these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,'
or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of
Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed
man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25 Immediately he
stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home
praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were
filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting
at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, 28 and Levi got up, left
everything and followed him.
29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of
tax collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the
teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples,
"Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"
31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the
sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

Do you ever interact with patients or fellow students who are avoided or treated like tax collectors or the paralyzed man in this passage? How can you take steps to care for them like Jesus does? Write your application from the passage below:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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