**God at Work – part 5 – The Saving Heart of God**

**Leader Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. How many times have you been a patient in a hospital in your lifetime?**

**2. How do doctors, nurses and first responders image God?** (Saving lives is God’s heart, binding up the wounded and healing the broken is god-like Ps. 147:3)

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**3. Read Luke 9:2. Is healing central to the gospel?**

**4. Read Luke 13:16. How does our view on sickness affect our approach to sick people?** (If we see sickness as from Satan, we will fight against it and do everything we can to pursue healing. If we see sickness as from God, we have to submit to it).

**5. How does divine healing work in conjunction with traditional medicine? Is going to the doctor an evidence of lack of faith in God?**

**6. Agree or disagree: scientific activism and research to eradicate disease is a way to fight against the kingdom of darkness and bring glory to God.**

**7. Read John 11:17-45. What comments do both Martha and Mary make (11:21, 11:32) that we often say to ourselves when tragedy strikes?**

**8. What words describe Martha’s faith? (11:22; 11:24; 11:27)**

**9. What impact did the tears of Jesus make on the crowds? (11:36) What impact did the raising of Lazarus have on the crowds? (11:45)**

**10. How would you have felt if you were Lazarus? Read John 12:10. Would you have felt the responsibility to be a witness for Jesus? How would you be able to face death the second time differently?**

**11. Read James 5:14-16.**

**What actions precede healing?** (Asking for help, prayer from elders, confession of sin, righteous people praying for others)

**TOOK**

**12. What frustrates you about our medical system? What are you most thankful for in our medical system?**

**13. Read Psalm 116:1-16; 12-14; 17-19 together as a group.**

**Have you ever made a thank offering to God? What were you thankful for?**

**14. Pray for each other.**