1. **Luke 4:38-39**

* What did Jesus do upon arriving at this home?
* Who was sick?
* Why did Jesus heal the sick person?
* How did the woman respond to his healing?
* What do you believe the Apostles in Heaven are doing for you right now?
* Describe how Jesus can “enter” into your dwelling during our own time?
* What do you believe Jesus is doing for you right now?
* **Mark 1:29-31**
* How is **Mark’s** account similar and/or different than **Luke’s** account of this event?
* **Sirach 38:1-14, Psalm 103:1-5**
* According to **Sirach** and the **Psalm**, who “heals you” when you are “ill”?
* **Acts 9:32-35**
* According to Peter in **Acts**, who healed this man who was ill?
* What does this say to you about who “Jesus” is?
* While we know the **Gospel** story was a true event during the time of Jesus, what message do you see in it for our lives today as Christians?
* **James 5:13-18**
* According to the **Letter of James**, what should we do when we are “sick”?
* What two Sacraments of Healing do we see in **James**?
* Look up an official definition for the word “presbyter” and share it with the group.
* Why do you think **James** recommends we go to the “presbyters” for this, what is important about the clergy being selected to administer the sacrament, share something from the scripture that you believe indicates why it is important to go to them specifically?
* Reflect back on all that we have ready and please share a time when Jesus brought healing to your life, did you “immediately” respond like the “mother-in-law” in the **Gospel** story, why or why not?
* **Catechism 1420-1421, 1509-1510, 1526-1532**
* **St. Cyril of Alexandria** (378 AD – 444 AD) *Commentary on Luke Sermon 12*

”He **entered**, then, into Peter’s house, where a woman was lying stretched upon a bed, exhausted with a violent **fever** and when He might as God have said, “Put away the disease, arise,” He adopted a different course of action. For, **as a proof that His own flesh possessed the power of healing**, as being the **flesh of God**, He **touched her hand**, and forthwith, it says, **the fever left her**. Let us, therefore, **also received Jesus**. For when **He has entered into us**, and we have received Him into **mind and heart**, then He will **quench the fever** of unbefitting pleasures, and **raise us up, and make us strong**, even in things spiritual, so as for us to minister unto Him, by performing those things that please Him.”

* **St. Jerome** (347 AD – 420 AD) *Homilies on the Gospel of Mark 75*

”Now Simon’s mother-in-law was kept in her bed sick with a fever. **May Christ come to our house and enter** in and by his **command cure the fever of our sins**. Each one of us is sick with a fever. Whenever I give way to anger, I have a fever. There are as many fevers as there are faults and vices**. Let us beg the apostles to intercede for us with Jesus**, that **He may come to us and touch our hand**. If He does, at once our fever is gone. **He is an excellent physician and truly the chief Physician**. Moses is a physician; Isaiah is a physician. All the saints are physicians, but He is the chief Physician.”

* Share something that was meaningful to you in today’s study with the group?