Redemptive Suffering in the Ministry
of Jesus

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**1.** Circle the Scripture passage your group has been assigned.

Luke 4:14–30 Luke 7:36–50 Mark 1:40–45 Matthew 12:9–14

**2.** Read the passage together with your group. You may need to look up any unfamiliar words in the dictionary. Then briefly summarize your passage here:

**3.** What type of suffering does Jesus endure in this passage? For example, does he take a physical risk of being hurt or harmed? Does he take an emotional risk of being rejected, scorned, misunderstood, or abandoned? Explain.

**4.** Why do you think Jesus chose to endure this suffering? Who benefited from his willingness to suffer?

**5.** Do you think that Jesus’ taking on suffering for the good of others throughout his life prepared him for the ultimate suffering, his death? Why or why not?

**6.** What is the difference between suffering that is undergone for a purpose—for example, to help
or defend someone else—and suffering that seems senseless? Give an example of each that
occurs today.

**7.** What modern-day person can you think of who has willingly endured suffering for the good of others? This could be someone you know personally or a person you have never met but know about. Describe that person here:

**8.** What is one way in which *your* willingness to endure suffering—whether great or small—could benefit someone in need?