



# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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## CURING OUR CRIPPLEDNESS

**Big Idea:** While it's clear that Jesus defeated death, hell and the grave on the cross and in His resurrection, the New Testament reminds us that Satan continues to wage warfare against believers. We see this kind of warfare in Luke 13 where a woman had been "crippled by a spirit for eighteen years."

There are crippled, wounded warriors all around us, and likely, woundedness in us. We need healing from Jesus the way this crippled lady found it in Him. Worship is the pathway to this healing in Christ for wounded warriors. Then, when we have been healed, we can help other wounded warriors find healing as well.

**Luke 13:10-13, 16 (NIV)** *On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. ... <sup>16</sup> "Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"*

### Discussion Questions:

This weekend we were reminded that we are in a war and worship is the way to healing. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

**Read 1Peter 5:8.** Recognizing that you are in a spiritual war every day, how do you keep yourself prepared for war?

What distractions does the enemy use to attack you? What can you do to worship your way through it?

As you examine your life, is there any woundedness in your heart that you need to take to God?

Of the enemy's entry points (hurt, disappointments, anger, shame, unforgiveness, fear, unguarded thoughts/habits) which point do you struggle with the most? What steps can you take to regain victory over this area?

Has there been a time in your life when your wounds prevented you from worshipping? What happened?

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank you that we fight from victory not for it. We claim victory over areas in our lives where we've lost hope. Thank you for your miracle working power at work within us. In Jesus' name, amen.

**Ask Your Group:** There's a testimony in your healing that can bring hope to others. Who can you encourage this week with your testimony?