



Jesus People Part 9—Jesus the Healer
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Jesus is the Healer: It's not just what he does. It's Who He is.

[Matthew 4:24]

News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed— **and he healed them all.**

[Matthew 8:16]

That evening **many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus.** He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and **he healed all the sick.**

There is no expiration on the call of disciples or the gifts of the Spirit.

[Acts 10:38]

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. Then Jesus went around **doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil,** because God was with him.

[John 20:21]

“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you”

[Matthew 10:7-8]

Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. **Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!**

Cessationism: a doctrine that teaches spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues, prophecy and healing ceased with the Apostolic Age.

A man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument.

[James 5:14-15, AMP]

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call for the spiritual leaders of the Church to **pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.** And the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick and the Lord will raise them up.

[Acts 2:39, AMP]

“...You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise of the Holy Spirit is for you and your children and for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], **as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself.**”

[Mark 2:1-12]

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, **“My child, your sins are forgiven.”**

But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, “What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!”

Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, **“Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.”** Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, **“Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”** And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked

out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, “We’ve never seen anything like this before!”

POSITIONING OURSELVES FOR HEALING—

1. Get in proximity to the source!
2. Put the appropriate action with your faith.

*Radical faith requires action that is appropriate for the moment.
Everything you do in faith requires a step in faith that you don't
understand.*

[Luke 19:10]

“The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

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| Salvation / Saved (<i>so'zo'</i>) - refers to forgiveness, deliverance and healing |
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FOR MONDAY—

1. Commit to ways this week to increase your proximity to the Lord.
2. Take the opportunity to pray in faith for someone's healing.
3. I Corinthians 14 says to “earnestly desire the greater gifts.” Show up to meetings where God is pouring out His Spirit. (i.e. Pursuit Nights, weekend services, conferences, and special events.)

TALK IT THROUGH

1. How much faith does it take to receive a miracle?
2. Why do you think news of Jesus spread so quickly in His day? What were both the murmurs and eyewitness accounts about?
3. In your experience, how many of you have been healed or seen someone you've prayed for get healed? Why do you think Jesus commissioned the church to continue His ministry of healing?
4. What does it take to “get out of the way” and let our pride and religious boundaries get broken down?
5. Do you think there is an expiration date on the call of disciples? What is the call, and what is your next step towards it?
6. Who can receive the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? What determines their qualifications?
7. When considering the mystery of answered prayer, why do some not get healed? Why is it instantaneous for some and delayed for others?

How do we stay grounded in Jesus regardless of the answer we get in the moment?

8. If proximity is a principle for the miracle moment, how do we draw close to Jesus individually and corporately? [Consider Mark 2.1-12]
9. When you reflect on your current circumstances, what is the appropriate action for your faith today?
10. How has Jesus been *the same yesterday, today, and forever*? What has that looked like in your life?