

Cell Group evening on Healing

WELCOME: If you were a car what kind of car would you be and why?

WORSHIP: Read Isaiah 53 slowly and then ask people to respond to the passage in a time of prayer

WITNESS: Have you recently done anything for the first time?

WORD

How did Jesus heal?

Healing	Mark
Unclean Spirit in the synagogue	1:21 - 26
Leper	1:40 - 42
Paralysed man	2:1 - 12
Jairus's daughter	5:22 - 43
Deaf & Dumb man	7:31 - 37
Woman bleeding	5:24 - 34
Blind man	8:23 - 26

Read all the above healings and answer the following questions for each one.

Questions

What was the healing?

How did Jesus do it?

What can be said about the person who was healed?

(after the first) What additional aspects of the healing are present in this event?

(Possible answers to how Jesus did it :-

Drove out Demons / Word Spoken/ Touched by Jesus/ Prayer of Another/Faith of Another/Person's own Faith/Jesus moved by Compassion/

Person touches Jesus/Jesus speaks in tongue/Partial, delayed or extended Healing)

Why are people not healed?

I suggest that we cannot know the answer and that the answers we might come up with, for example 'Not loved' or

'Not enough faith', are wrong. What do you think?

Conclusion – there is no real method for healing.

There is activity of Jesus; someone wanting healing to occur and where faith is present healing occurs

How about faith?

The faith of friends – perhaps also including those that are ministering

Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

The faith of the person

Mark 5:34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

The faith of the community

Mark 6: 5,6 'He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.' :And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

When faith is present things can change

Question: What do you think of this following definition of faith?

Faith is not the absence of doubt – but facing doubt and praying anyway! (R.T. Kendall)

We exercise our faith when we take a risk and pray for someone clearly and definitely to receive healing - the faith is demonstrated by the action

Who can pray for healing?

Read the following verses out aloud

Matthew 4:23 **Jesus** went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and **healing every disease** and sickness among the people.

Matthew 10:1 He called his **twelve disciples** to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to **heal every disease** and sickness.

Luke 10:1 After this the Lord appointed **seventy-two** others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.
9:**Heal the sick** who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

Mark 16:17 And these signs will accompany **those who believe**: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.**"

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, **anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing**. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

It looks like everybody, folks!

WORK

Ask if anybody wants prayer for healing, pray for them in a way that feels comfortable in the group – try and encourage those who do not normally pray for others to do so.