



THE WIN

The group member will show comprehension of miracles recorded in Scripture by working in groups to challenge or support their faith.

3-5
minutes

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Jesus has full power over both physical and spiritual ailments. While medicine can improve our condition and sometimes bring us healing, Jesus provides a much more important spiritual healing.

Describe an experience where you had a serious ailment and medicine was able to heal you.

3-5
minutes

WARM UP

As a child, what did you know/believe about miracles?

How has your view changed? Why the change?

35
minutes

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

The text from the message this week taught us that Jesus has full power over all of our diseases and ailments. At first glance, this is not a difficult teaching to accept. However, when life happens and we or a loved one finds themselves needing to trust that Jesus can handle their disease and ailment, it can be more difficult to trust.

Have you see this to be true in your experience?

Whether it was a situation involving you or a loved one, describe the insecurity or lack of trust experienced.

DO THIS ACTIVITY:

- 1) Divide the group into groups of 3
- 2) Assign each group a set of Scripture passages of recorded miracles

Set 1

John 2:1-11
John 4:46-47
Luke 5:1-11
Mark 1:23-28
Mark 1:30-31
Mark 1:40-45
Matthew 8:5-13
Luke 7:11-18
Matthew 8:23-27
Matthew 8:28-34

Set 2

Matthew 9:1-8
Matthew 9:18-26
Luke 8:43-48
Matthew 9:27-31

Matthew 9:32-33
John 5:1-9
Matthew 12:10-13
Matthew 12:22
Matthew 14:15-21
Matthew 15:22-28

Set 3

Mark 7:31-37
Matthew 15:32-39
Mark 8:22-26
Matthew 17:14-21
John 9:1-38
Luke 13: 10-17
Luke 14:1-4
Luke 17:11-19
John 11:1-46
Matthew 20:30-34

3) Have each group read the passage and then complete this statement: *Jesus has power over _____.*

4) After 20-25 minutes or so ask the groups to take turns completing this exercise: *Imagine your group does not believe in Jesus. Share in 2 minutes or less why they should trust Jesus to bring healing. Use the Bible and your own experiences to support your "pitch."*

5) Stay in groups.

SAY THIS:

I hope that exercise was helpful for you to understand the magnitude of Jesus' power. Each Scripture passage has its own context and primary meaning but all teach that Jesus has power over disease, ailments, spiritual forces, and all of creation.

Perhaps the second activity was more difficult for you. The difficulty rests in your audience not believing the Bible to be authoritative. If the Bible is just a collection of stories, we cannot confidently claim Jesus has power over anything because he is just a character in a story. However, if we hold the Bible to be God's word and the ultimate authority for our life, we can have confidence and trust in Jesus to bring us healing whether physical or spiritual.

SAY THIS:

The sermon message made clear that while not everyone was physically healed, Jesus offers spiritual healing to all who would believe in him. The same is true today.

ASK THIS:

- What questions do you struggle with when discussing physical healing vs. spiritual healing?
- How do you think through the truth that physical healing may not come in this life?
- How would you encourage someone who is struggling with a disease or ailment and has not received healing?

DO THIS ACTIVITY:

In your groups of 3 take turns giving a 1-minute elevator speech on what Jesus has to offer someone who is physically suffering from an ailment or disease.

Close your time together by watching the following video: https://youtu.be/qv-SXz_exKE