

Week 5 Member Guide

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.

WARM UP

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

How has your view changed? Why the change?

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.

1) Divide the group into groups of 3

2) Assign each group a set of Scripture passages of recorded miracles

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

<u>Set 2</u>

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) Read the passage and then complete this statement: Jesus has power over _____

4) After 20-25 minutes or so 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.

- 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?

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: <u>https://youtu.be/qv-SXz_exKE</u>