
A Year in the Word

A Year in the Word: Start Here: Part 2

Small Group Questions: Healed by Faith

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Read

John 5; James 5:14–15; Romans 12:2; and Ephesians 4:23

Reflect

While in Jerusalem for a festival, Jesus sees a severely disabled man by the pool of Bethesda. Whenever the waters stir, people believed the first person in the pool would receive healing. Yet each time the disabled man tries to reach the water, someone beats him to it. Jesus asks him, “Do you want to get well?” Why does Jesus ask this question that seems to have such an obvious answer?

Pastor Greg describes the different ways God heals people:

1. God heals some miraculously.
 - a. Do you believe God heals in this way? Why or why not?
 - b. Which part of the prayer of faith (James 5:13–16) do you need to focus on most right now?
2. God heals some through medical science.
 - a. Describe a time God used medical science to heal someone? How did you see God’s hand in it?
3. God heals every believer through heaven.
 - a. Have you thought of God taking a person to heaven as a method of healing?
 - i. How might this view of healing help lessen anger, bitterness and comparison?
 - b. How hard is it to believe God has a better plan than ours? When have you tried to help him out? Do you trust him to choose the best method for yours or a loved one’s healing?

How to receive healing by faith:

1. Respond to the impossible with faith.
 - a. The disabled man couldn’t get anyone to help him into the pool. When have you felt there was no solution and no one to help you?
 - i. What are some “what ifs” and fears that might be keeping you from healing? Explain.
 - b. Jesus tells the man to do the one thing he can’t do: Get up. Why does he do this?
 - c. In what area of your life could you especially use more faith?
2. Make no provision for a relapse.
 - a. Jesus tells the man to pick up his mat. Why?
 - b. When have you tried to retain something that actually prevented your healing?
 - c. Describe a time when God asked you to step out first, and then met you along the way. Why do you think he asked that of you? What impact did it have on your faith?
3. Keep walking in the healing God has given you.
 - a. After beginning to heal, how have you faced resistance and push back?
 - b. How are you renewing your mind to see things differently?
 - c. What specific tools can you use to help you? Do you have a team to encourage you?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?