

Leaders Notes – Session 2

Title:- **The Ministry of Jesus.** Continued....



Teaching Point 2 - Healing an everyday experience.

Jesus very much saw the healings He did as a natural part of His everyday ministry. So much so that He referred to the healings He did not as miracles but as works, (everyday works.) We also see this in the way that Jesus healed. We read of 20 specific incidents of healing that Jesus did. Not included in this are phrases like, “and Jesus healed all who were brought to Him.” Also not included is when He cast out demons. When we look at the different ways that Jesus healed we see that different methods were used often using familiar signs that were connected with His culture. **Examples** – Used spit – proclamation – touch .

Most of the healings that He did was in the context of mission rather than religious meetings. He healed wherever He met people in need. **Examples** - Street corners, People’s homes, in the countryside – walking through towns and villages – in the temple. It appears that it was not any particular method that Jesus had, but His ability to tune into the Spirit in every situation and be obedient to God.

Discussion: What do you think stops us being sensitive to the Holy Spirit?

What do you think can stop us being obedient to God in the area of healing?

For many of us today there is a real problem in believing in the supernatural power of God. Often the English translations have interpreted the Greek word for acts of power (dynamis) as miracles. The problem with this is that it implies something extraordinary and rare. Often this is backed up by so called power ministries who hype up this natural outworking of Christ’s love and compassion. What was meant to be a main stream work of God’s salvation has become steeped in mysticism and abuse.

Discussion: How do you think we can encourage Christians to see healing as a normal part of the salvation work of Jesus?

Teaching Point 3 - Commissioned to continue His ministry here on earth.

Jesus has not only demonstrated His healing power at work in His ministry, not only has He demonstrated His victory by raising from the dead, but He has also commissioned His church to share in His ministry and bring the full salvation message to bear in our culture and world today. Our task has been given us by Jesus Himself and it is to continue His mission here on earth amongst the lost, hurting, broken hearted and sinner.

What the Bible says: Luke 9 v 1 – 2, Luke 10 v 1, 8-9, Mark 16 v 15 – 18.

Hebrews 13 v 8 declares that Jesus, His nature, His mission, His salvation is unchanging whatever our world is like. Therefore the ministry of the church should be as unchanging as the ministry of its Saviour. The church is called the body of Christ That means we are called to move in exactly the same ministry and power that Jesus had. The reason for this is because we have received the same Spirit that Jesus received.

Just as Jesus healed 2000 years ago so He heals today. He has secured full unconditional salvation and included in this the manifestation of the gift of healing!!