

Leaders Notes – Session 8

Title:- **Different Models of Ministry**



Introduction: It is clear within the Word of God that the Lord gives us many free gifts and full equipping as His people. This gifting and authority is free however the Lord looks for us to cultivate His provision within our lives. He looks for us to walk in all that He has promised us through His grace.

Discussion: What things do you think need to be developed and sustained if the church is to move in a powerful and consistent healing ministry?

Teaching Point 1 - What is needed to develop a anointed healing ministry.

1) A close walk with the Lord Jesus.

Both in the life of Jesus and the wider word of God we see that see the mighty things of God take place we need to have a passion to seek after the Lord and walk in the center of His will and plans for our lives. When we are saved, we are saved for His purposes to do the work that He has prepared in advance for us to do. That means we need to discern what the Lord wants in a particular situation and we follow what He is saying. Even within the life of Jesus we see that Jesus took time aside of the business and demands of life to be on His own and commune with His Father. After He spends these times with His Father we often see how He went on to do greater miracles of healing and deliverance.

What the Bible Says: Mark 1 v 35 – 39. Mark 3 v 13.

2) Keeping short accounts with God and one another.

Our God is a Holy God and the Spirit is called the Holy Spirit. Therefore if we are to be effective instruments and vessels of the Lord Jesus we need to make sure that our lives are clean and holy. Hardened and unconfessed sin can block up the channels of God's grace and power within us grieving the Holy Spirit and making us ineffective in the callings that the Lord calls us to. Therefore it is important that we seek to live a right life by Jesus, empowered by His Holy Spirit and if we do sin that we confess it quickly so that it does not become a problem to our relationship and effective in Jesus.

What the Bible Says: 1 John 1 v 5 – Ch 2 v 2, Ephesians 4 v 30

3) Cultivating Faith.

Scripture makes it clear that there is a close link between the mighty works of God and the faith of His people. Where there is double-mindedness or a complete lack of faith, miracles do not tend to happen. This is about taking God at His word and believing even while things are being brought into existence that God will do what He says. Faith is particularly important when it comes to the ministry of healing.

What the Bible Says: Matthew 9 v 27 – 30, Matthew 17 v 20 – 21

Discussion: What do you think stops us developing these things?

How do you think a lack of Godly character affects both an individual's life and the church?

4) Sense of Call.

To walk alongside and minister to those who are ill in body, mind and Spirit takes real compassion and perseverance. We see in the life of Jesus how time and time again He was moved to compassion and it was this sense of love, grace and mercy that led Him to action. To consistently move in a healing ministry we need that same sense of calling and growth in compassion that Jesus had in His life and ministry. There are different callings in the body and different gifts but it is the same Spirit that gives to each one according to the will of God. We all can be used in a healing encounter, but not all of us are called to walk in consistent healing ministry.

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