

Learning to Minister Like Jesus

Ministry Training Based on the Ministry of Christ

Wings of Love Community Church

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THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Personal experiences

1. Meeting and trusting Jesus as Healer
2. Believing in Jesus' call of John 14:12

B. Jesus as Healer in the Gospels

1. Nearly one-fifth of the Gospels is devoted to Jesus' healing ministry
2. Forty-one distinct instances of physical and mental healing are recorded in the four Gospels

II. THE BASIS OF JESUS HEALING -- HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER

A. Jesus modeled intimacy with the Father

1. Jesus was God who came as man (Jn.1:1,14)
2. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit (Jn.3:10-13, 32-35)
3. Jesus did nothing on His own (Jn.5:17-21)
4. Jesus always sought to honor His Father (Jn.7:15-18, 46)
5. Jesus sought to always please His Father (Jn.8:16, 26-29)
6. Jesus was one with the Father (Jn.10:30, 37-38)

B. We too are one with Christ and are called by Him into a ministry of the miraculous, flowing out of intimacy with Him (Jn.14:10f)

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III. SOME KEY PRINCIPLES AND PATTERNS FOR JESUS' HEALING WORK

A. Dependence upon the Holy Spirit

1. Jesus began healing after His baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit (Lk.3:21-22; 4:1-19)
2. Jesus seems to have healed at all times, but as He flowed with the Spirit He was aware of times when the Spirit was especially ready to move in power (Lk.5:17)

B. Moved in mercy and compassion (Mt.9:36)

1. Repeatedly demonstrated inordinate compassion for all the afflicted for the sick (Mk.3:1-6 / Lk.13:10-17)

C. Had a willingness to always heal whoever came to Him with any kind of affliction

1. Physical, mental, emotional sickness were all healed by Jesus (Mt.15:30-31 / Mk.7:31-37)
2. Demonic oppression and related effects (Mt.17:14-21)
3. Physical death (Jn.11:33-34)

D. Frequently noted the role of faith in receiving healing (Mk.9:14-29)

1. Jesus was especially moved by "great faith" (Mt.8:8-13)
2. He seemed more able to heal in the presence of faith in Him and in His power to heal (Mt.9:28-31)
3. Jesus appeared to be limited by the lack of faith - unbelief (Mk.6:1-6)
4. Would not do miracles for those who only wanted to test Him or to be entertained (Mt.12:38-42)

E. Used many patterns and methods in healing

1. He touched the sick (Mt.8:15)
2. He commanded sicknesses (Lk.5:24-25)
3. He used spit or mud (Mk.7:33)
4. He required an act of faith (Lk.6:10)

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F. Often healed in public though sometimes withdrew and would heal privately

1. Jarias' daughter (Mk.5:39-43)
2. Blind man from Bethany (Mk.8:23)

G. Didn't hesitate to ask questions indicating He sometimes knew and other times didn't

1. Blind man (Mk.2:3)
2. Bartimeaus (Mk.10:51)

H. He didn't necessarily equate sin and sickness but referred to the connection

1. The man born blind (Jn.9:1-3)
2. Pool of Bethesda healing (Jn.5:14)

I. Sometimes Jesus prayed more than once for a person to be healed and indicated some afflictions would not leave immediately but longer prayer and fasting would be required

1. Blind man of Bethsada (Mk.8:22-26)
2. The epileptic boy (Mk.9:28-29)

J. Modeled what He wanted His disciples to learn about the healing ministry

1. He helped them in ministering to the sick
2. Sent them off to do it on their own
3. They returned for further instruction
4. He finally released them to train others

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IV. JESUS' COMMISSION TO US -- AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO SEND I YOU (Jn.20:21)

A. The development of the Vineyard healing model

1. Wimber's experience in developing an "integrated model of healing"

2. Designed a healing model on the solid foundation of values

B. A Five-Step Healing Model (SEE "A Kingdom Model of Healing")

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I. STEP ONE - THE INTERVIEW ("Where does it hurt?")

A. Conducted on two planes

1. Natural - Empirical (asks person what they think is wrong, where it hurts, etc.)

- a. Sort information according to past and present experiences
- b. What you see, know, have learned, etc.

2. Supernatural - Cosmic (ask the Holy Spirit to show His insights)

- a. Sort information according to the gifts of the Spirit
- b. Words of knowledge and wisdom, discerning of spirits, etc.

B. This is not a medical interview

II. STEP TWO - DIAGNOSTIC DECISION ("What has caused this condition?")

A. It could be caused by natural factors

- 1. Living in a fallen, sinful world (virus, accidents, etc.)
- 2. Sin (fornication - STD)
- 3. Emotional / Social (unforgiveness)
- 4. Family traits (poor heart, diabetes)

B. It could be caused by spiritual factors

- 1. Demonic affliction (blind, deaf, bowed over, etc.)
- 2. Demonic oppression (compulsive behavior, fearful, etc.)

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III. STEP THREE - PRAYER SELECTION ("What kind of prayer will I need?")

A. Prayer directed toward God

1. Most common: Petition
 - a. Ask for Spirit's presence
 - b. Ask for Spirit's healing

2. Intercessory prayer

B. Prayer **from God**

1. Command - of faith
2. Pronouncement - of faith
3. To devil/demons - rebuke, bind, expel

IV. STEP FOUR - PRAYER ENGAGEMENT ("How are we doing?")

A. Prayer/ministry should be specifically directed toward the diagnosed problem while looking for indications of the Spirit's presence

1. The "effect" you are praying for is healing
2. Certain observable phenomena that indicate the Spirit is accomplishing healing can include the following: warmth / tingling / muscle spasms / shaking / deep breathing / tenderness and tears / stiffness in certain body parts / dizziness / perspiration
3. Pray with your eyes open to observe these signals and cooperate with the Spirit
4. Follow the Spirit's lead by continued flow of gifts of the Spirit while ministering

B. When in doubt, ask questions

1. Healing may have occurred without any visible signs
2. Problems on the minister's side may be blocking healing
 - a. Unable to fully discern what the Spirit is doing
 - b. May need to go back (repeat Steps 1, 2, & 3 again if necessary)

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3. Problems on the receiving end may be blocking healing

- a. Some are expecting not to receive
- b. Some are resisting what the Spirit has begun to do

4. This feedback may lead to an adjusted approach that will be more effective

C. Stop praying when:

- 1. Healing is completed
- 2. You sense that the Spirit is finished for now
- 3. You don't know what else to do

V. STEP FIVE - POST PRAYER DIRECTIONS ("What should I do or expect next?")

A. Summarize the situation

- 1. Explain what has occurred
- 2. Share any gifts of encouragement or exhortation given to you by the Holy Spirit
- 3. Direct them to follow through on any repentance for sin that the Spirit has begun dealing with during the ministry time (be practical)
- 4. If healing has not occurred or is incomplete, affirm and encourage them to keep seeking because God is willing to heal

B. Avoid the following problems

- 1. Don't give personal advice
- 2. Don't condemn a person for not receiving healing ("it's sin" or "a lack of faith")

C. Follow up

Note: See Appendix

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Praying For the Sick: An Integrated Approach

