



Exploring Christian Healing

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NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Session 6

What else might God be doing?

AIM OF THIS SESSION

To look at some of the general issues we are likely to encounter as we become more involved in the ministry of Christian healing.



A SPACE TO MEET WITH THE LIVING GOD FOR
RELATIONSHIP • HEALING • TRANSFORMATION

Focus in prayer

- The Father's love for the person receiving prayer
- The reality of the presence of Jesus with them
- The availability of the power of the Holy Spirit

Study

John 17:20-21

These are the words of Jesus as he prayed.
Has his prayer been answered? If not, why?

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Without discussing the nature of Paul's 'thorn in the flesh', how do you think he would have answered the charge that God didn't answer his prayer?

Following God's Agenda

Read **Mark 2:1-12**

- What were the friends expecting to happen?
- What might have been the reason for Jesus doing something else before bringing healing to the man's back?
- Imagine what the four friends' reaction to Jesus speaking about forgiveness might have been?

An important fact to remember is that God has his own agenda for bringing transformation.

Recognise that part of our calling as prayer ministers seeking to help others meet with the Living God is to be with them, to literally stand with them in the times of waiting.

It's important to keep a sense of balance as we bring faith and expectation that Jesus could do something amazing right now but also walking with people as they encounter the joys and disappointments of prayer ministry.

- Read the story of Jesus healing a man who was unable to walk in **John 5:1-9**.

Read **John 5:14**

- Read the story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind in **John 9:1-7**

Read **John 9:35-38**.

What do these stories reveal about the ongoing ministry of Jesus, rather than what he did as one-off events.

You may like to visit the website

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On it you will find many resources about this approach to prayer, including:

- A weekly guided opportunity to meet with God in this way
- More teaching and information about this approach to prayer ministry (which we call Encounter Prayer)
- Encouragement to run an Encounter Group for your church or friends
- A book written by John Ryeland - 'Encountering the God who Heals' which is all about this approach to the healing ministry
- An extensive library of talks on various aspects of the healing ministry.