

## AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

**TOPIC: HEALING THE SICK**

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**MAIN TEXT:** John 14:9-14

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**John 14:12** *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

**Question-** What works was Jesus doing that He was referring to? And who did He say will do the same?

We as believers have all been called by God who has all power and authority in Heaven and on earth to go everywhere and preach the gospel of the kingdom of God and demonstrate it just as Jesus did leaving us an example and a model or playbook to follow. This is so that God's will and purpose may be accomplished in these last days. He wants to work with us to do good, destroy the works of the devil and heal all under his power.

#### **HOW TO HEAL THE SICK: THE 5 STEP PRAYER MODEL**

There are many different ways of ministering to the sick. This 5 step model is only meant to be a guide to help in starting out. Jesus, our perfect role model, used many and varied ways of healing. Sometimes He touched people, sometimes He spoke of their healing, sometimes He involved them in the process by asking for an act of obedience before the healing came. Sometimes He did bizarre things like spitting on His hand and then touching their tongues or making mud and putting it in their eyes.

The overriding principle however was His dependence on the Father through the Spirit. John 5:17-21,30. He only did what He saw the Father doing or what He heard the Spirit saying.

In the same way, this 5-step prayer model should not be looked at from a mechanical perspective. Rather, view it as a natural process of dialogue both with the person you are praying for and with God. It is a relational process, not a mechanical formula.

#### **INTERVIEW**

**Mark 9:21-22** *Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. 22 "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."*

The purpose of the interview is to determine the root cause of someone's infirmity or sickness so you can best minister healing. This should be done in a natural, gentle and loving manner.

Ask questions like, "What is your name?" "How can I pray for you?" "What would you like prayer for?" "How long have you had this condition?" "Do you have a doctor's diagnosis?" "Did someone cause this condition?" "Have you forgiven him or her?"

During the interview, depend on the Holy Spirit. Quietly ask Him if He has anything to show you about the person's condition or its cause. Also use the interview to build faith in the prayee.

#### **DIAGNOSIS AND PRAYER SELECTION**

Based on the information gathered in the interview and on any revelation God has given, make a diagnosis of the root cause and select the type of prayer to address it with the help of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Command in the name of Jesus. Takes a little getting used to. But this is how Jesus and the early church performed most healings. Their prayer commands were not directed toward God, but toward people's condition. **Mark 9:25, Acts 3:6-7, Acts 14:8-10. Acts 9:33-35, 40-42.**

Prayer of Petition in Jesus name. This is a request to heal, addressed to God, to Jesus, or to the Holy Spirit. "Come Holy Spirit." "Father, release your power to heal." "Father, we ask for new kidneys."

### **PRAYER MINISTRY: PRAYING FOR EFFECT**

Pray to see results! You are not praying to comfort the person, and you are not addressing your prayer for his or her ears as a form of psychological encouragement. Rather, you are praying for effect! Pray with confidence in the name of Jesus. Be expectant. Pray with your eyes open and watch as you pray. Encourage the prayee to be in receiving mode and be in tune with their body, what they may be feeling. Also be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Be persistent. Be loving, gentle with the prayee. Use your normal voice but be firm with the condition and afflicting spirits.

### **STOP AND RE-INTERVIEW**

#### **Mark 8:22-25**

We should continually listen to the Holy Spirit and stop to re-interview a person as frequently as necessary to determine what is happening. If something is happening and healing is partial, then continue ministering. If nothing seems to be happening, ask more/deeper questions of the prayee.

**Question-** when do you stop praying?

### **POST-PRAYER SUGGESTIONS**

When ministry time has ended, it is good to provide helpful follow-up instructions and encouragement. If they have been healed, encourage thanksgiving to God and testimony sharing with family and friends. If they have not been healed, lovingly encourage their faith and urge them to persist and not give up.

### **WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE**

**1 Corinthians 12:7-8** *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit.*

A word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation of information given by the Holy Spirit, knowledge received apart from natural analysis or human means.

When you receive a word of knowledge, it is for the purpose of releasing the love and power of Jesus to someone else.

This gift of the Spirit tends to go hand in hand with gifts of healings. A word of knowledge given is often an indication that God wishes to heal at the time the word is given.

### **How does God give Words of Knowledge for Healing**

Feeling- a sensation in your body that you don't normally have and is fleeting

Seeing- a word comes out of the blue, or you see a picture in your mind's eye

Reading- see a word written over someone or on a wall

Impression- mental impression or thought

Speaking- during prayer or talking with someone, you say something you were not planning on saying

Dreaming/Vision- about a health problem

### **How to give a word of knowledge**

Be humble. Even though we are called to be confident in Christ, there is an appropriate caution to maintain, especially when just starting out. Learn to discern what is of you and what the Holy Spirit reveals. This is a process, and it requires practice. Be encouraged because with practice comes failure and lots of it.

Be specific. Be careful not to change it or add to it. You should not exaggerate the word nor should you leave out a detail that seems unimportant to you. Everything is intentional and has meaning, while changes or additions cause confusion.

Step out and take risks. Someone has said Faith is spelt R-I-S-K.