

ICEBREAKER

1. What is the sickest you have been?
2. What has been your experience with healing?
3. Have you ever prayed over someone who was sick or had someone pray over you? What was the interaction like for you?

LEADERSHIP SUMMARY

1. The emphasis this week is to help those in your group to see that with God's help they can be agents of healing and wholeness in our broken world.
2. Additional Text: James 5:13-16.
3. Part of this session could include coaching those in your group through the process of anointing someone with oil and praying for their healing. If you decide to pursue this, we suggest you purchase anointing oil ahead of time: http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/product?item_no=45461275&event=78963SBF|597799|1048.

QUESTIONS

- Read Matthew 7:7-8 **[See if they can quote it]**

⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Note: Leader should emphasize that the verse in the original language actually says 'keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking.' It is not a one-time thing. It's also critical to point out that the above verses follow these words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount ...

*¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Matthew 6:10*

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

1. What are Jesus' three commands in this passage?
2. What did Jesus say will happen if we do these things?
3. What can stop someone from continually asking, seeking, and knocking?
4. This passage teaches that God hears and answers prayer. Can you think of a time that you asked God for something, and He answered your prayer? (The leader should share a personal story.)
5. Read the following stories: Matthew 8:1-4; Matthew 8:5-13. What circumstances led to each of the healings?
6. What did Jesus say about the centurion in Matthew 8:10 that could help us?
7. What should we do if Jesus does not heal us or others right away when we ask?

BREAK INTO GROUPS OF 2-3

1. What kinds of things need healing in your life?
2. Who are some people you know who need healing?

MISSION

- How can we as a group be instruments of healing for people in our community?

PRAYER

- Pray for one another and for those you know who need healing.

BEFORE NEXT GATHERING:

- Read *Learn To Influence* (pgs. 106-134)
- Memorize Matthew 28:18-20
- Complete the Evangelism Questionnaire on pgs. 224-227.

RESOURCES

1. Music to Inspire You to Follow Jesus (PDF)
2. Conflict Resolution Process (pgs. 220-221)
3. Grief Recovery Process (pgs. 221-222)
4. Twelve Step Recovery Process (pgs. 222-223)
5. Divine Healing Teaching (PDF)