Grow Group

5 Expressions of Love

**Lesson #4 - Love Heals Others**

**Story: Mt.8:1-13**

* **Tell the story, then re-tell it again by going around the room having each person give a sound bite of the story.**

**I. More Than Words**

 **1Thess.1:5** *“For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.”*

**Mk.16:20** *“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.”*

**Mt.9:35-38** tells us that, *“Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their*

*synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom (INFORMING), and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

**i).** Once again, it’s important we notice how love is always thinking of other’s well-being.

**ii).** **Read John 14:12**

 **a).** What does Jesus promise those who believe?

 **b). Read Mt.11:2-5**

 What are the “*works*” that Jesus did?

 **c).** What are the “*greater works*” Jesus referred to? The “greater works” could be in reference to the quantity due to the fact that Jesus was only one person who ministered for only 3 years. Or, it could be in reference to quality, (ie. leading someone to salvation) since Jesus hadn’t yet died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead?

 **d).**According to **Luke 9:1-2&6,** **John 14:12** and **Mk.16:15-18** who has the authority to heal?

 **Q.** **Read James 2:18-20.** Discuss thedifference between “head” belief vs. “heart” belief; believing **in** God vs. believing God? Define “believe”.

**iii). Settling the “willingness of God to heal” question.**

**a). After reading the following passages of scripture, what conclusion should we come to regarding God’s will to heal everyone?**

**Mt.8:1-3, 16-17** *“When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. 2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.” “16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,*

*17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."*

**Acts 10:38**  *"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*

**Luke 4:40 “***When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.”*

**iv). List areas that people need healing:**

**Luke 4:18-19** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1 Thess.5:23** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**v). How do we pray for the healing of others?**

1. **In the name of Jesus - Acts 4:30**
2. **Speaking God’s healing word by faith – Mt.8:5-13; Ps.107:20; Rom.4:17**
* Healing has it’s already been supplied - **1 Pet.2:24**
1. **Laying hands on the sick – Acts 28:8**
2. **Thanking God before we see it manifest - 1 Thess.5:18**

**II. Conclusion**

Take a few minutes to administer healing to one another.

**Next week’s Story** is found in **Mt.14:13-21**