

THE HEALING TOUCH OF JESUS (PT 2)

MARK 8:22-26

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS — MAY 22, 2022

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:22-26 ESV

22 And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." 25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

SERMON RECAP

Key Points For Us Today

The critical part you and I can play in Jesus' healing others' lives:

- Bring people to Jesus.
- Beg Jesus for people.
- Watch Jesus work in power.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Aloud as a group, read Matthew 4:24, 8:16, 9:2, 9:32-33, 12:22, 14:34-36, and Mark 1:32-34, 2:1-5 and 8:22-26. Take some time to let group members share observations about the passages. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you have read quite yet. Simply share what you all observe from the text.
 - In these passages, what do you observe about—
 - The work of unnamed people in approaching Jesus and bringing others with them?
 - The proximity of these unnamed people to Jesus?
 - Jesus' response to those who were brought by these unnamed people?
 - The effect of Jesus' work in the lives of those others (including the unnamed people)?
 - How would you explain or summarize these passages in your own words?
2. Read Hebrews 11:35-12:2. Why do we tend to overlook the great importance of unnamed witnesses in the Scriptures? What do the referenced passages convey about these witnesses' instrumentality in the LORD's kingdom-building work?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. Today, we heard testimonies about how Mark 8:22-26 is playing out in our lives. These testimonies included stories about making disciples through a) Afghan refugee resettlement,



- b) women's discipleship locally and abroad, c) group bible study and Christian community in a local high school, d) pastoral training and encouragement in northern Nigeria's persecuted church, and e) outreach to a women's shelter in northern Virginia. Which of these testimonies most impacted you and why?
2. How might it look for the LORD's name to be lifted high in your neighborhood, workplace, school, and/or surrounding community? What opportunities do you have to come alongside people around you to bring them to Jesus, beg Jesus for them, and watch Jesus work in power in them? With what other brothers and sisters in Christ might you co-labor toward this end?
 3. Do you tend to approach Jesus alone or with others, and why? When you consider the possibility of further engaging in Jesus' mission, what personal limitations, weaknesses, imperfections, and/or apprehensions come to mind? How do you respond to those thoughts? Read Exodus 4:10-12, 1 Samuel 16:6-12, Isaiah 6:4-7, and 1 Corinthians 1:17ff. What do these passages indicate about the pertinence of our personal weaknesses (and our 'strengths')?
 4. In what new or different ways might you approach Jesus with and on behalf of others? How would you like the LORD to use you for His glory in the lives of others? How might you prayerfully pursue Him this week toward that end?

LEADER NOTES

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHURCH GROUP LEADERS

Dear Church Group Leaders,

You have likely heard that we have an upcoming important vote at MBC. If you have not yet read through our website, you can get more information at mcleanbible.org/resolution to learn specific details. We encourage you to read the entire page, read the process, and read the frequently asked questions as there may be information that will answer questions your Church Group members may ask. Please feel free to reach out to your Location Pastor, Associate Location Pastor or Regional Pastor with any questions at all.

This week when you gather with your Church Group, please remind your Church Group members to--

1. **Pray daily** for our church, our church leadership, and the upcoming votes;
2. **Attend and vote at two upcoming congregational meetings.** This meeting will be on June 1, with a voting period of June 1-5 (specific details online); and
3. **Join us for prayer.** We strongly encourage all Church Groups to join us for prayer on May 27 from 8:00PM-12:00AM at the Tysons location.

RESOURCES

- [Global Outreach 2022 Prayer Guide](#)