

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

Healing Prayer is a natural outgrowth of a supernatural relationship with Christ.

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 1:31, Revelation 21:1-4, Matthew 4:23, Luke 9:1-2, Acts 3:1-10

**POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND**

1. Healing can be a challenging topic for some people to discuss. The subject may seem mystical, superstitious, or entirely outside an individual's plausibility structure. Keep in mind, some may have prayed for healing or asked for healing, and nothing happened. You don't have to have all the answers; be a good listener if people have hurts or hesitations about sharing around this topic.
2. Some in the group may feel unqualified or not spiritual enough to try praying for healing. Help set them at ease by reminding them that this is not dependent upon them but is the work of the Holy Spirit through them. Prayers for healing do not need to be long or elaborate; sometimes, the simplest of prayers are the most powerful.
3. The passage in Luke 9:1-2 reminds us that Jesus imparted them authority over every demon and the power to heal every disease. As you begin praying for healing, remind the group that we are given all authority over sickness, disease, and infirmity. Challenge the group to pray boldly, with this authority, and to claim healing in Jesus' name as they pray.
4. If you have time, you might read Genesis 1:31 and Revelation 21 listed in the guide. Those passages contain descriptions of the wholeness of God's creation. What Jesus calls us to do is manifest his future Kingdom in the world today. That means we are working and praying for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.
5. The Heidi Baker quote is a good reminder of how to practice all supernatural gifts. When we pray for healing, our priority is to make sure people feel loved and supported. Don't put pressure on yourself or anyone else. It's not up to us; it's up to God.
6. In praying for healing, you don't have to use a special voice, pile up religious language, ask if it's God's will, or get worked up with passion. Don't feel any pressure to make it into a performance. Keep it simple and direct. One or two sentences of praying are all that's needed.
7. Gifts have to be developed, and the same is true of the gift of healing. So don't be afraid to pray for healing around small matters in your home or with friends who won't mind if you pray for their healing. The more you practice with friends and family, the more confident you will feel about praying for others. And remember, keep it simple; God is the one who will do the heavy lifting.