

INTRO

In our All For Jesus series this weekend, we focused on the third Christian & Missionary Alliance distinctive - Christ Our Healer.

What does “Christ Our Healer” mean to you?

What thoughts or feelings come to mind when this topic of healing is brought up?

What has been your experience of healing in your journey of faith?

IDEA 1

Read Isaiah 53:3-5 out loud together.

How would you explain to someone using scripture that healing is available to us today through Jesus?

What other scriptures would you refer to help explain this?

IDEA 2

While God’s ultimate intent is to heal, there are parts of the earthly journey that involve pain and suffering.

How has suffering shaped your earthly journey? How have you seen God use your suffering for good?

How do we walk alongside people who are suffering that are yet to be healed this side of heaven?

How do we continue to have faith that God’s desire is to heal in the midst of unanswered prayers for healing?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Read James 5:13-16

Take time to confess together - inwardly or outwardly.

Ask if anyone in your life group would like to receive healing.

If they feel comfortable with it, anoint them with oil, have over members of the group lay on their hands and pray healing over them.

Give some space to process this experience after if you sense that would be helpful/needed.

NEXT STEPS

Jesus commissioned the 12 and the 72 to do this - he didn't give them many instructions but He did command them to pray for the sick, to join in this restoration project. And when Jesus ascended we were blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit - our anointing - empowering us to engage and creating communities and opportunities where things are returned to the way they are intended to be.

Where might Jesus be leading you to extend his healing touch this week? Who do you know that is need of healing that could use prayer?