

Healing in the House

Pass out activity articles at the beginning of class.

➤ Introduction

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Here we have two verses that give us a clue to how we may obtain healing. One is from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. The Old Testament rendition is the prophecy that we may expect to come to pass, and the New Testament verse tells of the fulfillment of that prophecy.

The crucifixion was not only for our salvation, but it was, and still is the plan of God for our healing. If healing is God's plan, then why do we have trouble believing that we can be healed?

➤ Lesson

There were a few healings recorded in the Old Testament, (Naaman for example), but most of the healings recorded in the Bible were written in the New Testament. There was a major shift that needed to take place in the religious world. The children of God needed to turn from sacrificing animals to repenting of their sins, and getting baptized in Jesus Name. This was going to take something miraculous. Jesus had a plan. People always have needs. In Bible days people did not have many options when their health declined.

They had to live with deformities, blindness, heart disease, and other ailments too numerous to mention with no hope of relief. Then, a man came along and started healing everyone He came in contact with. Guess what? He got some attention! People were impressed with this man that could heal all manner of sickness, so, they followed Him. They listened to Him. Wouldn't you? If you had a vision problem and glasses weren't invented yet, wouldn't you listen to the only man with any hope of you seeing? What a perfect plan!!!

Matthew 12:15

But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

Matthew 14:13

When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

Matthew 14:14

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Healings were a great attraction. Jesus was aware of every need and compelled to fill their needs. After all, He loves His people!

Matthew 15:29

And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

Matthew 15:30

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

Matthew 15:31

Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

People that get healed are not always the ones that have the faith for healing. In these verses, people came to Jesus because they were desperate. Caregivers are often worn down to the point where they end up with sicknesses themselves, so of course they can be desperate for the sick to be healed as well.

Matthew 19:2

And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

Luke 5:15

But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

Luke 8:43

And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,

Luke 8:47

And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

Luke 9:11

And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

Jesus set up the perfect foundation for His disciples to be able to build churches when He departed from them.

John 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:13

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Now, we are able to pray for the sick and they can be healed! Why? Because God wants us to tell people about Him. It is the plan of God for people to be turned to God by other people. When we pray for the sick, we turn heads and hearts, because we minister to their needs. We don't claim that we are doing the healing. The great God of heaven is the healer. You notice that the scriptures tell us of how the people gave glory to God over their healings!

Acts 28:7

In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

Acts 28:8

And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

Acts 28:9

So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

Acts 28:10

Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

Healing of the father of Publius was a huge thing in those people's lives. They were eager to trade their worldly goods for a healing. Not many people are as motivated to trade their worldly goods for the Holy Ghost. When we cannot see, the blindness is always there getting in the way of our everyday life activities. We are constantly reminded that we are blind. We tend to ignore, or forget the fact that our souls may not be ready to meet God. Jesus used healing to get their attention, so that we could lead them to salvation.

➤ **Activity**

Bring blindfolds, crutches, arm slings, etc to class so that young people may experience the inconvenience of a disability. It would be good to bring something for every student so that they could all participate in the activity. Let them wear the disability through the entire lesson. At the end, ask them how many would really like to get rid of the "sickness." It would be a good discussion to ask how they would feel if they had to keep their disability for the week. How interested would they be in a healer?