



holy spirit encounter
groups edition

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Bonus Session – Healing (Part Two)

Begin this session by sharing testimonies. Did Jesus give you a risk challenge? Did you step out in declaring restoration anywhere this week?

Pray that the Lord would increase your faith and give you boldness in announcing the kingdom.

Watch the Video, **Bonus Session - Healing Part Two**.

Scripture does not give instructions for what to do when someone is not healed. However, there was a time when the disciples were unsuccessful in ministering deliverance (it appears they had been successful enough time to be surprised by this). Afterward when they were alone with Jesus, they asked why they were unsuccessful and Jesus said, “This kind can come out only by prayer.” (Mark 9:29, NIV). Some manuscripts say, “prayer and fasting.”

This response indicates an invitation to deeper intimacy with God. Draw near to Jesus to hear what He has to say. Tune your heart to hear through encounter. Jesus often drew away from the crowds to pray—if He needed this, we need it all even more!

Not everyone we pray for will be healed, but we cannot let this keep us from taking risks in ministering to people.

When someone is not healed, we need to pay careful attention to care for their soul. We also need to pay attention what is happening in our own identity. In both cases, there is no condemnation. Do any one of us have the power to heal or be healed in ourselves? Are we loved and accepted by God?

1. **Talk about some of the identity issues** that might come into play when ministering healing.
2. **Take time to confess and repent of things that might hold you back.**
3. **Break agreement** with identity lies that the enemy would bring to you that cause you to self-promote or self-protect.
4. What are some of the identity issues that might come into play when we are seeking healing?
5. **Talk about ways you can minister** to someone who has not been immediately healed without downplaying their disappointment or suffering.

The video gives some important tips to keep in mind when ministering healing:

- Never make agreement with someone that it is God’s will that they are sick, that God has sent this sickness to them, or that this is simply their lot in life. God is not a destroyer — He gives life! (John 10:10, NIV)

- Be open to praying multiple times. Don't give up too quickly. Check for changes in symptoms, celebrate any improvement, and pray again. Even Jesus prayed more than once at times! (Mark 8:22-26, NIV)
 - If pain starts spiking or moving around in the body, this is generally a sign of demonic torment. Ask the Spirit to reveal the point of access. If the individual has experienced trauma, minister to the emotion of the trauma (forgive anyone involved, experience Jesus in the memory, etc.) and then command and demonic torment attached to the event to leave.
 - Roadblocks. The same roadblocks that can hinder the filling of the Spirit can hinder healing. Listen to the Spirit and humbly ask questions.
 - If you are experiencing heat or warmth in your hands, this may be an indication that God is giving you a special grace for healing in that moment. Ask the individual if you can lay hands on them.
 - Be attentive to changes in your own body or emotions (something not typical to you or that you were previously experiencing). This is one of the ways we can receive a word of knowledge.
 - Always speak blessing over the person and praise Jesus throughout the ministry time!
6. **Take some time to talk through these points.** Are these new ideas to you? Have you had this experience before? Are there any you need to bring to the Lord for more clarity and understanding?

Tips for receiving healing:

- Jesus cares about your whole being—body, soul, and spirit! He created your physical body and called it good. Bless your body. Speak truth about God's love for you and your body.
- Jesus is the same as He was in the time of the New Testament—He hasn't changed His mind about healing.
- Jesus is the one that heals us. Fix your eyes on Him. As we gaze upon Him, we are being transformed into His image (2 Corinthians 3:18, NIV).
- Your identity is not your illness or injury—you are deeply loved and eternally secure.
- Receive. You do not have to beg or earn your healing. Simply receive in the same way you received salvation.

Framework for Ministry

Focus on Jesus – worship, praise, celebrate his love and goodness.

Ask – for the Spirit's power to be released; invite him.

Listen and pray – accordingly - petition, declaration, command, etc.

Act in authority – address root causes.

Check-in frequently – ask recipient what they are experiencing, changes in symptoms.

Persist – until there is breakthrough or a sense of release that you have done what the Father wanted you to do in this time.

Minister to each other! There's never a better or time or place to being practicing than with the community in which you have been learning. Lean in. Invite the Spirit to teach you how-to walk-in humility and authority. Allow the compassion of Jesus to move you to take risks and love others.