

Discussion Guide

The Summer Sessions Wk 2

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Lost In The Family

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Main Idea

When we get a cut or scrape, we usually clean it out and put a bandaid on it to help our body through the process of healing. It can't be a coincidence that when God starts talking about His church, that he uses the illustration of a body. He did it on purpose. Healing is something the body does together that it can't do separately.

1 Corinthians 12:15-20 (NKJV)

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say,

"Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

This Body Was Designed To Heal

Life has a way of wounding your soul. At times it is beyond our control due tragedy, loss of a job, or a foreclosure. Sometimes even generational wounds passed down from your family. Sometimes even self-inflicted due to our own choices.

What have you tried to do in order to heal wounds in your life? How is that working for you?

Read: Acts 9:11-12, James 5:16

Healing Takes Time and Discomfort

Sometimes when we evaluate the process of healing, our tendency can be to pretend that we are ok. We simply do not want to deal with the pain of healing. We need to stay in the process - in church - and stay connected.

Pastor Stephen told us that healing happens by staying in His presence, in prayer, and in the Word. Which of those do you struggle with most? Why do you think that is?

Read: John 6:33, Psalm 107:20

We Are Healed to Heal Others

Regardless of where our wounds originate, God is with us and “comforts us in all our troubles, so *that* we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” What wounds has God brought you through already? How can you use that healing to now comfort others?

Read: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

SUMMARY

We have all been wounded in life. At times it's just life and out of our control, and sometimes it's our own doing. However, God's intent is for His family, the church, to help bring healing. Salvation comes from God. Healing comes from the body.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Paul's healing in Acts 9:11-12 was waiting on a connection from Ananias. Be intentional this week in your prayers and ask God to reveal a connection that you need to make.
2. Take personal inventory of wounds from which you've been healed? Who did God use to speak into your life and help bring about your healing? Reach out and thank them.
3. Find someone this week who is going through what you have been healed from and be a comfort to them. Don't allow them to be lost in the family.
4. Consider saying YES to serving during Days of Hope in the month of July. Check out hopecity.com/days-of-hope for more information.
5. Consider getting Pastor Stephen Chandler's book, [Stop Waiting for Permission: Harness Your Gifts, Find Your Purpose, and Unleash Your Personal Genius](#).

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Miraculous Happenings

If you could be part of any miraculous or other happening recorded in Christian history, what would it be and why? For example, how would you feel if you were in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus, or in the midst of the parting of the Red Sea?

This game is a fantastic way to verify your group's knowledge, boost their imagination, and allow each member to express their deepest thoughts and feelings towards some of the most crucial Biblical events.