
Healing:

Does God heal today?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Discussion Guide has three parts:

- Discussion Questions
- Episode Summary
- Tips & Guidelines for Hosting Discussion

Q1

What technology would you love to see invented?

SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- What do you think is the worst invention ever made?
- Other than your phone, laptop, tv, or tablet, what piece of technology do you use the most?

Q2

What do you think about the idea that God heals people today?

SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- What kind of questions come to mind when you think about God healing people?
- How do you see the relationship between medical intervention and miraculous healing?

Q3

Take a few minutes to talk about any experiences you've had praying for healing. Share any stories you've heard of God healing someone.

SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- Physical healing isn't the only type of healing someone can experience. What are some other ways someone could be healed?
- Did any of the stories from this episode stand out to you?
- How do we make sense of the times God doesn't heal someone when we ask?

MORE QUESTIONS

(For this session, instead of taking more time for discussion, take 10-15 minutes to pray for each other for healing)

- You can take a few minutes to talk about questions that people might have after the episode.
- Explain that you are going to take some time to pray for each other and that no one has to pray or receive prayer if they don't want to.
- Ask if anyone has specific prayer requests for healing. They don't have to be specific if they don't want to.
- If one of the leaders shared words of knowledge about what God might want to heal, you can ask if anyone in your group connects with what was shared.
- Ask if one or two from the group would like to pray for the person who needs healing.
- This is also an opportunity to pray for people to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to pray for any other issues that are brought up.

Episode Summary

BIG IDEA

God invites us to be a part of bringing healing to others. The Gospels are full of stories of how Jesus healed people miraculously. What we see in the New Testament and throughout history is that God uses his followers to do the same. While we may not fully understand why God heals some people and not others, we keep asking because we can trust that he is a good and loving Father.

KEY QUOTES & SCRIPTURES

I am the Lord, who heals you.
EXODUS 15:26, NIV

When Jesus heals people, it is like a taste of the future. It tells us that one day everyone is going to be healed.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

MATTHEW 9:35 NIV

We're free and able to ask the Holy Spirit at any time to heal us. But if the Spirit does not do it, there's no reason to think that it's because we have no faith, or that God does not love us, or that God is punishing us.

FATHER RANIERO CANTALAMESSA

Tips & Guidelines for Hosting Discussion

GUIDELINES FOR THE GROUP

- You don't have to talk if you don't want to
- You can ask or say just about anything
(as long as you aren't putting other people down or making it so others can't talk)
- Respect each other by listening and welcoming different opinions
- Keep things confidential when you leave the group

TIPS FOR HOSTS & HELPERS

- Remember names
- Pray
- Be committed
- Show up early to welcome guests
- Stay long enough to chat with guests afterwards
- Keep the conversation alive and balanced
- Be encouraging
- End on time
- If time allows, debrief with your Alpha team to celebrate wins, chat about challenges and share prayer requests