

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Make Room: Creating Space for the Spirit to Work

Message 9: Spiritual Gifts – Healing

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

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## **Connect** (15min)

### 1. Finish Strong

- a. Plan out your remaining Life Group meetings up to summer break, including a wrap up party/social.
- b. Discuss any plans to connect as a group over the summer. BBQ, Lake Day...

### 2. LG Prize Draw

**Prize:** A round at [Tap-Ins Putting Course](#) and Ice-cream at [Kent's Ice-cream Co.](#) at Cultus Lake.

**How to Enter your Life Group:**

Leader(s) - Complete the Spring Feedback Form (1 entry) and send in a Life Group Photo (1 entry).

**Draw Date:** Thur. June 6 at Noon. The Winning Group will be announced in the June 6<sup>th</sup> LG WEEKLY email.

## **Message Discussion** (45min)

### 1. How About Healing

- a. What are some of the healing miracles recorded in the Bible?  
Take a minute to share as many as you can as a group.
- b. Which of these healing miracles is your favorite?
- c. Do you believe that God still heals today, and why?
- d. Have you experienced or witnessed a healing miracle? Briefly share the story.
- e. How were you impacted by Sunday's message? What did you learn? How were you encouraged or challenged?

### 2. The Healer is Here

- a. Read [Luke 4:14-21](#). What do you learn about Jesus from this story?
- b. What does Jesus declare about Himself, and why is this important?

### 3. The Gift of Healing

- a. Shawn defined the gift of healing as: ***People who find that their prayers for healing are answered more frequently and more thoroughly than others. The spiritual gift of healing is when the Holy Spirit heals someone from a disease or infirmity supernaturally. These healings grant us a foretaste of the physical healing which He will grant us fully in the future.***
- b. How does physical healing give us a taste of the Kingdom of God?
- c. Why doesn't God always heal? Share and discuss your thoughts as a group.

### 4. Acts of Healing

- a. Read [Luke 8:40-56](#). What acts of healing do you see in this passage?
- b. What do you learn about Jesus in this story?
- c. How do think the recipients of healing and the witnesses of healing were impacted?

## 5. Ambassadors

- a. Read [☞ Luke 9:1-2](#) and [Luke 10:1-2, 9](#). What did Jesus send his disciples out to do? What kinds of doubts, fears, questions, and challenges do you think they had to face in living this out?
- b. Do you think Jesus expects us to do what he sent his disciples and the 72 out to do? Discuss your reasons.
- c. How would things change in your life and our church if we did the same as what these disciples did? Discuss.
- d. Read [☞ Luke 10:17](#). How did the disciples return to Jesus? Why did they have joy? Do you think praying for healing and seeing miracles would inspire the same response in you and others?

## 6. Our Turn

- a. Would it be ok with you if the Holy Spirit empowered you and gave you boldness to pray for the sick and work through you to see them find and experience healing? Share reasons why.
- b. What scares you about stepping out and praying for people to be healed? Do you have any fears? What are they? Why do you have them? Discuss.
- c. Shawn talked about what to do with our fears. He said:
  - \* Give your fears to Jesus (stop holding on to them)
  - \* Don't worry about what others think (it's all about Jesus)
  - \* Jesus loves the people around you more than you do (this truth will free you to step out)

## Practice & Prayer (30min)

### 1. Follow these instructions as a guide:

- a. **Pray** -- Invite one person pray a prayer of faith that asks the Holy Spirit to fill the group with boldness to believe that God is bigger than our fears. (You're welcome to break into 2 groups if you have a larger group)
- b. **Ask** – **"Is there anyone who needs physical healing in their body?"**  
Have them sit in a chair in the center of the room and have the rest of the group surround them. Then follow these instructions on healing prayer:
  - \*Ask the person what they need healing for. Please share briefly (avoid long back stories).
  - \*Listen to see if Jesus has any words of encouragement (picture, scripture...) to share. 1min.
  - \*Invite people to pray brief focused prayers of healing over the person.  
*In the Name of Jesus tell sickness to go. Bodies to be made whole. Headaches to leave.  
Muscles to strengthen. Cancer to flee or whatever the healing need is.*
  - \*Stop and ask them if they still have any pain (is it the same, better, worse). Be honest with one another.
  - \*Pray again. Ask again (is it the same, better, worse). Don't rush the process.  
Do this a few times as the Spirit leads.
- c. **Thank God** – with a closing prayer of surrender and thankfulness.

### 2. Repeat this process with others if there is more than one person desiring or needing healing prayer.

>> **EMPOWER RETREAT:** May 24-25. Pray for those who are participating.

>> **PRAYER SUMMIT:** May 26. 6pm-7:30pm. Participate as a Life Group. Worship-Prayer-Communion.