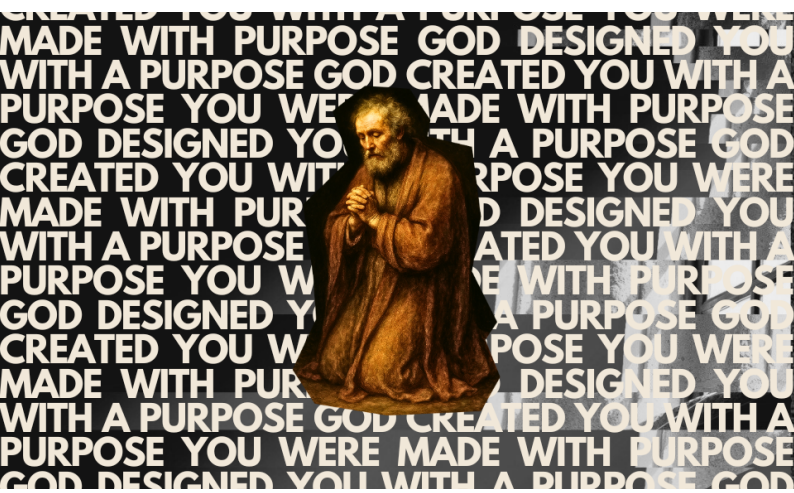




the spiritual gifts

Small Group Guide: **The Spiritual Gifts, Week 8 part 2**

Key Takeaways:

1. The gifts of healings are anointings from God to heal particular sicknesses or ailments.
2. The word "healings" is plural because when a specific anointing is present, multiple people with the same ailment can be healed.
3. A person's faith or lack of faith can affect the efficacy of the gifts of healings.
4. Sometimes God may use other spiritual gifts (like the gift of faith) or manifestations (like being slain in the Spirit) to facilitate healing.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. Pastor Allen mentioned that Jesus had "all the anointings." How does this impact your understanding of Jesus' healing ministry?

3. Discuss the examples given from Scripture (Luke 5:17, Matthew 12:15, Acts 8:6-7). How do these passages illustrate the operation of the gifts of healings?
4. How does the story of Jesus in Nazareth (Mark 6:5-6) demonstrate the impact of unbelief on healing? Have you ever witnessed or experienced something similar?
5. Reflect on the story of the woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48). How does this illustrate the power of faith in relation to healing?
6. Pastor Allen shared personal stories about his Aunt Rosie and George Eliot. How do these testimonies impact your view on divine healing?
7. What are your thoughts on the idea that sometimes God needs to "get a person out of the way" (e.g., through being slain in the Spirit) for healing to occur?

Practical Application:

1. This week, reflect on your own faith journey. Are there areas where unbelief might be hindering God's work in your life?
2. Practice praying for the sick with renewed understanding of how faith impacts healing.
3. If you've experienced divine healing, consider sharing your testimony with others to encourage their faith.
4. Study other passages in the Bible related to healing and faith. How do they align with or expand on what was shared in this sermon?
5. Be open to how God might want to use you in ministering healing to others, whether through prayer, encouragement, or practical support.

Closing Prayer:

End the session by praying for any needs in the group, especially for healing, and asking God to increase faith and understanding of His healing power.

5-Day Devotional

Day 1: The Power of Faith

Reading: Mark 5:25-34

Devotional: Today's reading illustrates the remarkable power of faith. The woman with the issue of blood demonstrated extraordinary faith by simply touching Jesus' garment. Her faith was so strong that it drew healing power from Jesus, even in a crowded setting. Reflect on the quality of your own faith today. Are there areas in your life where you need to exercise more faith? Remember, Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well." Consider how you can cultivate a faith that reaches out and "touches" Jesus, believing in His power to heal and transform your life.

Day 2: Overcoming Unbelief

Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Devotional: Jesus' experience in His hometown of Nazareth shows us how unbelief can hinder God's work. The familiarity of the people with Jesus' family led them to doubt His divine nature and mission. As a result, Jesus could not perform many miracles there. This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts for areas of unbelief. Are there ways in which familiarity with spiritual things has dulled your sense of awe and expectation? Pray for God to renew your faith and to help you see Him with fresh eyes, believing in His power to work miracles in your life and community.

Day 3: The Gifts of Healing

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Devotional: The apostle Paul teaches about various spiritual gifts, including gifts of healing. These gifts are manifestations of God's grace and power, given for the common good of the body of Christ. As you read, consider how God might be calling you to be a channel of His healing power. This doesn't necessarily mean physical healing alone; it could involve emotional, spiritual, or relational healing as well. Pray for discernment to recognize and use the gifts God has given you to bring His healing touch to others in need.

Day 4: Faith that Moves Mountains

Reading: Matthew 17:14-20

Devotional: In this passage, Jesus emphasizes the power of even a small amount of faith. He tells His disciples that faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains. This teaching encourages us not to despise small beginnings in our faith journey. Instead of focusing on the size of your faith, focus on the object of your faith - the all-powerful God. What "mountains" in your life seem immovable? Bring these challenges before God today, exercising faith in His ability to overcome any obstacle. Remember, it's not the quantity of your faith that matters, but the quality of the God in whom you place your faith.

Day 5: God's Presence in Suffering

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Devotional: Paul's experience with his "thorn in the flesh" reminds us that God's healing doesn't always come in the way we expect. Sometimes, God's grace is most powerfully displayed through our weaknesses. As you reflect on this passage, consider the areas of struggle or suffering in your own life. How might God be using these challenges to display His strength and grace? Paul learned to boast in his weaknesses because they showcased Christ's power. Today, instead of asking God to remove your struggles, try asking Him to reveal His presence and power through them. Trust that His grace is sufficient for you, and His power is made perfect in weakness.