

ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion - 02/03/08
Five reasons why we should expect God to heal

1. You could start by asking the group . . .

Q. "Can you remember any of the five reasons?"

A. i) Because it is in the nature and character of God to heal.

ii) because of Jesus' great compassion towards the sick.

iii) because Jesus authorizes his followers to heal the sick

iv) because in the Bible we see Jesus demonstrating time and again his willingness to heal those who come to him with faith.

v) because James 5:16, proves once and for all, if there be any doubt about it, that healing is for today

2. Do you believe Jesus in *John 14:11-12*? Should we take this promise literally?

3. What parallels do you see in the following well-known stories?

- The Centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13)
- Jairus's daughter and the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:21-43)
- Paul at Lystra (Acts 14:8-10)

4. What do we learn about the "according to your faith" principle from these two episodes?

a) Jesus at Nazareth (Matthew 13:53-58)

b) The disciples and the demonized boy (Matthew 17:14-21)

5. Thinking about the story of Jesus walking on the water (*Matthew 14:22-33*), where are you at, with healing?

e.g. a) Are you in the boat crying out with fear?

b) Are you, like Peter, asking Jesus: "if it's you, tell me to come to you?"

c) Waiting for Jesus to answer?

d) Out of the boat and walking on water!?

e) Sinking . . . having seen the wind and the waves?

f) None of the above! Tell us?

6. If appropriate, put *James 5:16* into action, and "pray for each other so that you may be healed."