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NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Session 5

Having a go!

AIM OF THIS SESSION

To deepen someone's encounter with God in a time of ministry

Engaging with the presence of Jesus

Some people may not find it easy to engage with the presence of Jesus and it is our job as prayer ministers to put people at ease, create a receptive atmosphere and surroundings, to explain what we are about to do and make sure that they are comfortable with what is going on.

The reality of the presence of Jesus is not dependant on our experience of him, but rather on the promise he gives to always be with us. **Matthew 28.20.**

- Encourage them to find the presence of Jesus -Where is Jesus for you right now?
- What is it you want to say to him? What do you sense he might be communicating to you?
- There may be many ways that Jesus will communicate a bible verse, a picture, a thought that randomly drops into their mind, the words of a song. Encourage them to be open during this time of communication. Keep the focus on God not their problem.

Engaging with the power of the Spirit

We carry the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in us as we minister to others. It's the power of the Holy Spirit that brings change to people.

- First listen to what it is that they are bringing to Jesus and listen to what it is they sense that he is communicating to them. Use this as a prayer of worship cooperating with what Jesus is doing.
- Call to mind a promise of the bible that relates to the need and use this as a worshipful prayer.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to come and make the promise real for this person.
- Ask what they experienced, what did they sense was happening at the time?
- Encourage them, whether they felt anything or not God has been at work.