



Exploring Christian Healing

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NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Session 2

The role of the prayer minister

AIM OF THIS SESSION

To look at some of the key roles of a prayer minister.



A SPACE TO MEET WITH THE LIVING GOD FOR
RELATIONSHIP • HEALING • TRANSFORMATION

In session 1, we looked at those four truths from the New Testament and concluded that healing reflects God's heart for us. So, is it all down to him? After all, if God doesn't touch someone, then little is likely to happen! What about us and our role?



How important do you think the role of the Prayer Minister is in the healing ministry?

So often, God seems to use other people to bring about healing and our nature and character can make a big difference to the people we pray for:

- Will they feel welcome?
- Is our faith and expectation obvious?
- Will they feel honoured and valued?

We can be doorways for people to meet with God – but we can also be barriers and we don't want to put them off coming to him.

A Prayer ministry is about helping people meet with Jesus

In the story of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus (Luke 17:11-19), what did the leper who returned gain that the others did not and what does this say about the purpose of prayer ministry?

B Prayer ministry is about treating people with respect and dignity

What type of person would you turn to if you wanted to share something deeply personal? What qualities would you look for in them?

C Prayer ministry is about engaging with people

As prayer ministers we are called to engage, to give time and to listen to people. We are called to love.

John 20:21 "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

People need to know that you are there for them and that you care.

Ministry flows through our engagement. Taking time to listen is a way of showing worth.

D Prayer ministry is about bringing faith and expectation to the situation

Read the fascinating account of healing in **Matthew 17:14-21**, and consider whether Jesus did anything different to the disciples? How can faith be discerned when someone is praying and how can we exhibit it in our ministry?

Conclusion: The role of a Prayer Minister is to:

Bring people to Jesus

Treat people with respect and dignity

Engage with them

Add faith and expectation

Important though this is, we should resist putting the onus on us and what we bring to the situation, since our chief role is to bring people into the presence of Jesus where they can receive his touch, because without it there is likely to be little change.



Homework

In your quiet times at home, bear this question in mind and see what effect it has on your prayers, faith and expectation:



What do you really expect to happen when you pray?