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Series: Why We Believe

Lesson 6: Divine Healing

About This Lesson

Healing is a hot topic in some religious circles where they believe healing is not for today or that God puts sickness on people to teach them something or to punish them. Teaching the young people to look at what God's Word says and follow it is the key to a powerful Christian life. Healing is an important pathway to understanding God's love for that person.

Key Takeaway: Healing is God's idea. Healing is a Christian's covenant right, and Jesus healed them all when He was on the earth.

Key Verse: Exodus 15:26 *And said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."*

Teaching Outline:

I. HEALING IS A COVENANT RIGHT OF BELIEVERS

A. *Jehovah Rapha* – God's name meaning "I am the Lord who heals you" (Exodus 15:26)

1. This name of God was established as a statute (*choq*- something prescribed), as an ordinance (*mishpat*- judgement- act of deciding a case).

2. Psalm 89:34 *My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.*

3. Isaiah 55:11 *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

B. The Messiah must atone for healing. The greatest redemptive chapter in the Old Testament is Isaiah 53.
   1. Isaiah 53:4–5 uses the words "borne" *nä·sä'* meaning carry away, "griefs" *khol·ē'* meaning sickness, and "sorrows" *mak·ōve'* meaning pain both mentally and physically.

II. SATAN IS THE AUTHOR OF SICKNESS

John 10:10 *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

A. God is good, and the devil is bad!

B. Sickness entered the human race through sin. John 9:1–7 (v. 3) *"…neither has this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."*
   1. His blindness was not a result of his personal sin, his or his parents, but it was a result of the fall of man.
   2. The result of original sin.

C. Sickness is included in the curse. Deuteronomy 28:22, 27, 35, 59, 60, and 61, *"…consumption, fever, inflammation, extreme burning, both, emrods, scab, itch, smote in your knees, legs with the sore botch, from the soles of your feet to the top of your head. Great plagues of long continuance and sore sicknesses…of long continuance …every sickness and every plague which is not written in the book of this law."*
   1. Christ has redeemed us from the curse!

   Galatians 3:13 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").*

III. JESUS IS GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

A. Jesus was God in the flesh. If we want to know the will of God, we can see it in Jesus! Jesus did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them (Luke 9:56)! God is not mad at you and out to break you! He loves you and wants to restore you! Jesus never put sickness on anyone. He took it away. He bore it himself! He took our place! All our sin and sicknesses were nailed to him at the cross.

B. The New Testament says 14 times that Jesus "healed them all."

IV. DIVINE HEALING IS PART OF THE GOSPEL

Psalm 103:2–3 *Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives your iniquities [sins], Who heals all our diseases.*

A. Forgiveness of sin and healing of the body go hand-in-hand throughout scripture. Salvation includes forgiveness of sin and healing of our bodies!

B. It's an all-inclusive ticket. God is not stingy with His gifts.

C. Jesus's blood paid the price for our forgiveness and for our healing!
Isaiah 53:5 *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*

D. Jesus commanded His disciples to preach the gospel and heal the sick!
John 14:12 *…He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go unto My Father.*

E. Jesus's last words to His followers: Mark 16:17–18 *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; [18] they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. [Emphasis added.]*

Bottom Line:
Healing is a covenant right for believers.

Small Group Time:

Read Mark 5:25–34 about the woman with the issue of blood. This healing testimony highlights 4 important keys of faith:

1. SAY IT: Verse 28 *For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."*

2. DO IT: Faith takes action. It is not passive. According to Jewish Law, she wasn't supposed to be in public with her condition. But she pushed through the crowd to get to Jesus.

3. RECEIVE IT: Verse 29 tells us that she felt in her body that she was healed. Faith receives what Jesus has already made available to us.

4. TELL IT: Verses 33–34 point out that the woman was afraid but shared her story with the crowd anyway. Jairus heard her story, and it probably helped him have faith for his 12-year-old daughter's healing. Your testimony encourages others and speaks prophetically that what God did for you, He can do for others.

- What is your favorite healing story in the Bible, and why?
- What healing testimony do you have that happened to you or someone you know? Who have you shared that testimony with? What was their reaction?

Declaration:

"I trust God to heal me, and I choose not to be sick or defeated because Jesus already paid for my healing. I don't have to work for it, and I can't earn it—healing is mine through faith in Jesus."

Youth Weekly Journal:

Handout, Email, or Download

- **Question:** What do you believe about healing, and why does it matter?
- **Pray:** When you hear someone complain about not feeling well, offer to pray for them. Boldly speak with your authority from Jesus and believe that you are fulfilling the command to "lay hands on the sick and they will recover" (Mark 16:18).
- **Read:** Look up these references that show Jesus healed all who came to Him. Be sure to read the verses around each reference to get the full context: Matthew 4:24, 8:16, 12:15, 14:14, 19:2, and 21:14; Mark 3:10 and 6:56; Luke 4:40, 5:17, 6:19, 9:1 and 9:10; and John 14:12.
- **Live It:** Speak over your body the healing power that Jesus purchased with His blood. Desire to live in supernatural health and speak words of life and health over yourself.

- **Create:** Use this title to create a song, poem, piece of artwork, blog, or video for social media: "Imagine yourself healed of …" Use scripture and show that Jesus is the Healer people are looking for.

EXTENDING THE LESSON

Icebreaker Question: If you invented a cure for something, what illness would you cure, and what would your cure be?

Opening Activity Suggestion: Look online for a healing testimony or arrange to have someone from your church come to share their healing testimony and allow time for the young people to ask questions. You can find a variety of Healing Journeys testimonies, including those of young people being healed, at Andrew Wommack's website (https://www.awmi.net/video/series/healing-journeys/).

Opening Affirmation: "Today, I will be taught the Word of God. My mind is alert, my heart is receptive, and I will never be the same. I am about to receive the incorruptible, indestructible, ever-living seed of the Word of God. I will never be the same—never, never, never. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Giving Time: Malachi 3:10 *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it."*

These blessings are still available to us today! God wants to bless you. If you tithed once and didn't feel like anything happened, keep giving and watch God pour out blessings on you.

BEYOND – ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FOR CHURCH OR HOME

Challenge: Ask for anyone needing healing of any kind to raise their hands. Have the young people around lay hands on the people and pray for them. By giving opportunities to pray for each other, the young people will gain confidence and

courage to pray for others. Remind them that healing doesn't depend on them. Believers are to "lay hands on the sick," and Jesus' part is the healing.

Biblical Worldview: The world and many in the church trust in the words spoken by medical professionals rather than what God says. If we truly have a biblical worldview, we will believe the Bible and believe that healing is for today. Our healing is nothing we deserve, but we receive it based on what Jesus already provided for us when He died on the cross and rose victoriously. Encourage the young people to live their biblical worldview by praying to Jehovah Rapha and trusting in God's healing for themselves and their friends and family.

Outreach/Missions: Missionaries often report miraculous healings, and then whole villages receive Jesus. When people see God's power, they believe in Him. Pray for the missionaries to lay hands on the sick and see them healed.