



**CONNECT GROUP NOTES**

# Mark

**the adventures of Jesus**



## Chapter 9

# Testimony of healing

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Encourage the group to take turns reading and answering questions. It is best to ask the questions as they appear instead of waiting till the end

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**TIME TO PONDER:**

Healing has been the focus of the last two apostolic inputs into the life of the church. We need to be attentive to what the Spirit is saying and get a deeper understanding of healing.

## *Psalm 103*

*Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases*

God wants to heal all our diseases - ALL.

Let's read our key text for the day and gain some insight into this topic. Highlight what stands out for you.

## *Mark 9:14*

*When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.*

*“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.*

*A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”*

*“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”*

*So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.*

*Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”*

*“From childhood,” he answered. “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”*

*“‘If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”*

*Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”*

*When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”*

*The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.*

*After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”*

*He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”*



**Question 1: Share with the group what stands out to you regarding healing and why?**

## **TIME TO DISCUSS:**

**There are four questions we will look at from the passage that will enable us to learn a bit more about how healing works.**

- 1. Is it a medical condition or a spiritual condition?**

*John 10:10*

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

The origins of sickness are not from God.

*Acts 10:38*

*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. Jesus was anointed to heal all those under the power of the devil. Sickness is a spiritual issue we need to warfare against it. Sickness is a strategy of the enemy we need to fight against.*

People who are sick are not necessarily possessed by a demon, but are under the attack of the enemy. The more we see sickness as spiritual warfare, the more we will see breakthrough.

## 2. The next question Jesus asked was how long the boy had been like that?

Was it something he was born with or did something happen to bring about the sickness. Sometimes things can happen in peoples lives that bring about sickness.

Sin can open doors for the enemy to take hold of us. Demons can walk through open doors of rebellion. Sometimes abuse from the outside can open a door. Unforgiveness can also open doors of access to the enemy.

*James 5:16*

*Therefore **confess your sins** to each other and pray for each other so that you may be **healed**. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*



Proverbs states that jealousy rots the bones. However not all people are sick because of sin. Some however are and need to repent. Not all sickness however is the result of personal sin. We do live in a fallen world.

**3. Why did Jesus get so angry at the people?** Because the people were doubting whether or not Jesus was willing to heal and whether he is capable of healing. The issue is not about God, but whether or not we have enough faith to trust Him for healing. Even the father in the story says. *“I do believe. Help me in my unbelief.”*

**4. Why couldn't the disciples heal the boy?** Jesus says *“this kind can only come out by prayer.”* It's interesting that the

disciples were never told to pray for the sick. They were merely commanded to heal the sick.

**Question 2: Be honest about your faith to trust for healing? Are you certain Jesus can heal and wants to?**

## TIME TO REFLECT

*Acts 3:6*

*Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”*

Prayer is to increase our faith. We need to pray till we have faith.

### *Acts 9:40*

*Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet.*

Peter prayed till he had the faith to command her to life.

### *Acts 28:8*

*His father (one of the chief officials) was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.*

Prayer builds the faith to command sickness to go.

*Romans 10:17*

*Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.*

The point of prayer is to wait on God until we know His power and have the faith to command healing.

*Mathew 17:19*

*Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain,*

*‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move.  
Nothing will be impossible for you.”*

Jesus even commanded trees. Mountains can be moved at a command.

Don’t stop praying for people. But change your prayer to ask God for the faith to command healing.

Sometimes God says yes to healing but it doesn’t happen straight away. This is where continued prayer is essential.

*Luke 11:5-10*

*Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose*

*the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.*

*“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

We need to have a shameless audacity (bold persistence) to keep asking till you have the answer.



**Question 3: Can you think of a time where you have shamelessly persisted in prayer and seen God come through for you?**

## **ACTION STEP**

*Daniel 10:12-14*

*Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.*

In this passage we see God said yes from day one, but sometimes the forces of the enemy resist the messengers of God. Only continued prayer can result in the messenger getting through.

*Ephesians 6:12*

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

We need to remember that the prayers of the saints empower the release of power from heaven. Keep praying and trusting God for complete healing. Don't give up. Fight the good fight of faith.

Make a prayer list of sick people this week and set aside time to pray specifically for the the faith to see them healed. Don't stop till you see breakthrough. When you do, make sure you testify about what God has done.