

NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church

Waypoints – Week 2 – Blind Man

Mark 8:22-26

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Main Idea: Three distinct truths about God's healing in our lives

Icebreaker: What is the most severe or most unusual illness or injury you have had in your life?

Study:

Many of us are in need of God's healing in our lives: physically, emotionally, spiritually, or mentally. **God gets to determine 3 things about our healing:**

1. **Where we are healed.** (v.23a) God often heals and works in the private setting rather than in public.
 - a. In what ways do you need to be more intentional to spend time with God privately (one on one or with very few other people) seeking God's healing for yourself or someone else?
 - b. Why do you think God sometimes chooses to bring healing in more private moments rather than public ones?
2. **How we are healed.** (v.23b) God will heal us in His own way that may not always make sense to us at the time. It can take place in an instant or over a longer period of time.
 - a. Can anyone share of a time in which you struggled to understand why God chose to bring healing in the way that he did (or maybe didn't even seem to bring healing at all) rather than in the way you thought he should? (Think about physical healing, emotional healing, spiritual healing, mental healing, etc.)
 - b. Since God has the power to always heal in an instant if he wants to, why do you think he sometimes chooses to bring healing through a longer process instead? (Or maybe not even provide the healing in this life?)
 - c. Why is it sometimes so difficult to trust God with all of this when he doesn't act in the way we think he should?
3. **When we are healed.** (v.25) We know that God's timing is not always our timing. We may need to pray and ask for years, and we may pray or ask and it happens immediately.
 - a. Can you share a story of God's perfect timing in your life that was not what you would consider your timing?
 - b. Now with the benefit of hindsight, in what ways was God's timing better than the timing you would have chosen if it were up to you?

Application:

This really all boils down to submitting to God's plan and surrendering our plan.

1. Is there a situation in your life or a loved one's in which you need to surrender the where, how, and when of healing to God? What is that situation?

2. Is there a broken situation in which you've given up praying because God seems to not be responding how or when you think he should? What is that situation and how are you going to begin seeking the Lord again?
3. Is there a broken situation in your life or another's that you need to begin begging God for? What is it?

Pray:

Pray for each person in your group and their various requests. Pray for specific types of healing for the members of your group. Pray that we'd be able to trust God's plan even when we don't understand.