

Lesson 9

The Healing Ministry of the Church

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. The church is made up of believers. The word for church in the Greek is *ecclesia*, which means the called-out ones.

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

- A. Jesus told us that we would do the same works He did while we still are here on the earth.

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

John 14:12

- B. If you and I are going to do the same works, then we need to be ministering healing because that's what Jesus did.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Acts 10:38

- C. Christ is the anointed head, and as believers, we are all a part of the body of Christ. That revelation is literally now our foundation. Jesus Christ is our cornerstone. He is our only foundation, and He is committed to building us.

II. God has always wanted a dwelling place; He's always wanted a relationship.

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Exodus 25:8-9

A. Only God can turn empty space into a holy place.

And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

Exodus 25:18-22

B. The body of Jesus was the seed for the body of Christ. The empty space was about to become a holy place called the church, the place where the presence of God would abide in the earth from that point on.

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

John 20:11-12

C. Jesus and His body became the Seed—through His death, burial and resurrection—that produced the body of Christ.

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

Galatians 3:16

- III. You're a part of something that's so big that it's all over the world, and yet you have a specific place and role.

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

- IV. Without the body of Jesus physically dying and resurrecting, there would be no body of Christ.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:19

- V. Jesus is the healer, but He has to have a body—the body of Christ—to use to heal. His healing power flows through His body.
- A. God has anointed, called, and equipped you to be able to do (through the Word and through the Spirit of God) everything that Jesus said that you would do.

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

John 14:12

- B. Jesus rebuked his disciples for their unbelief, and then He sent them out into the world, just before He left to go back into heaven.

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

"... 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."

Mark 16:14-15 and 18

- VI. Before Jesus ascended to sit at the Father's right hand, He promised He would send the Spirit of Truth (John 16:13)—the Helper (John 14:26).
- VII. In order for the church to grow, we have to remain connected. We've got to get rooted and grounded in the Word of God and get connected as the body of Christ. Then we have to stay connected, instead of being lone rangers somewhere. We've got to be connected to the head, who is Jesus.

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16

- A. Every part of the body is dependent on the others. We have to be connected to be functional and healthy.

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

- B. The body of Christ is actually designed by God to help us heal. Healing comes through the body of Christ.

That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

1 Corinthians 12:25

- VIII. We should have the same care one for another. Make it hard for people to stay sick around you. This is what love does because love lives to give. This is what the world is waiting to see.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34–35

- A. Peter gave what had been freely given to him and the result was a miracle: a healing and a life changed, transformed, and restored.

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

Acts 3:6

- B. The body of Christ is all over the globe, and so is healing!

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Mark 16:20

- C. The supernatural power of God causes all kinds of wonderful responses in people’s hearts and lives because they know it comes from the true and living God. The true Gospel being preached causes transformation in people’s lives.

Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 3:10

- IX. It’s impossible that healing passed away with the last apostle because it wasn’t connected to the apostles; it was connected to the church.

- A. Stephen was an ordinary believer, not an apostle.

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 6:8

- X. Wherever we go, the power of God goes, and healing flows out of that power.

- A. There are divine appointments waiting for you right where you are, in your daily life.
- B. He's called you out to send you out, to see the Gospel communicated all around the world with signs and wonders following the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

XI. The sick person is the one who reached out. If there was some kind of personal sin, they may have opened the door to sickness, but forgiveness was given and received.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:14-15

XII. Sometimes when you're in a healing journey, you feel weak. How great is it to have somebody come and lift up your arms, stand with you, and help you? This is what God has designed for us as the body of Christ to do on a regular basis.

- A. Old Testament example: Moses had Aaron and Hur lift his arms (Ex.17:11-14).
- B. New Testament example: paralytic's friends took off the roof to get the man to Jesus (Luke 5:12-21).

XIII. The church was born in power, and the church is going to go out in power.

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John 14:12
