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Family & Community Discussion



# 08: HEALING THE Lame

Today's Scripture

ACTS 3:6-8

ACTS 3:1-10

ISAIAH 35:6

JOHN 5:2-13

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

ACTS 3:21

JOHN 11:53

2 TIMOTHY 4:12

HEBREWS 2:3-4

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## INTRODUCTION

Today, as the church, we are to be God's ambassadors to the world, what the world will see of God is how we now live. Healing for the world will come as God's blessings flow out from us as His people. We are called to pour out our money, power, and opportunity as genuine sacrifice to Jesus in this world. If our giving leads to trouble or genuine sacrifice, that should not surprise us. One commentator said, "The healing of the world comes through the sacrificial death of the church." He says that God brings life to people around us the same way He brought life to us... Where we sacrifice for others like Jesus sacrificed for us. How we navigate life will show those around us that we have a joy that goes beyond the pleasures of this life or the pain of the grave! Our suffering is not about our sin, but God's glory. God's purpose for trial is not punitive for us, but redemptive for others.

## DISCUSSION

If God would heal one thing in your life, what would you want it to be? Why?

## EXPLANATION – READ JOHN 5:5-6

What in your life do you use as a crutch or an excuse not to involve yourself in certain things?

Ask Jesus' question, "Do you want to get well?"

What things do you NOT want Jesus to change in you?

## APPLICATION – READ ACTS 3:7-10

When was the last time you did something nice for someone and it backfired?

Have you ever done something for the sake of the Gospel that backfired?

## MISSION

What do you think the purpose of God allowing trials in our lives is?

How can your own places of struggle or suffering bring God glory?

How can God use you to bring about healing in those around you?

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