

SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

YOU TOO: WHAT I WISH I'D KNOWN ABOUT HEALING & MIRACLES, Dan Lorenzo 2.21.10

1. Rising expectation.

"if only God would..."

"I'd love to be part of changing that..."

Matt 10: 1-2, 7- 8; I Corinthians 12: 7- 11

2. Rude interruption. Where are the all-stars? Where are the super heroes?

We have a tendency to defer and refer to those we feel _____ Holy Spirit gifts.

This _____ God's plan and our growth.

The Problem with this Strategy

- God's Kingdom is pervasive. It's larger than the assembled church
- God's Kingdom is urgent. He invites us to the "moment".
- God's Kingdom power is meant to be _____.

John 9: 1- 5 NIV

Note: "WE must do the work of Him who sent ME" V. 4. Who is this healing for?

Answer _____.

3. Works in Progress. The Holy Spirit empowers us to insert Jesus' works to change a life!

"You give them something."

Note: I Cor 12: 8- 11, These gifts spring up in daily discourse.

Gift of Faith v. 9 a

- Urgent, rising trust that God will act
Not effort of mind, Not a louder voice Acts 3: 12

Gifts of Healing v. 9 b

- Multiple healings be distributed. Gods power to heal & restore – Given to us to be given to others. Luke 10: 9
- Note: Fresh faith is required along the "path of distribution".
 - Persistent prayer, worship is often the environment for healing. Luke 11: 9-13

Gift of Miracles v. 10

- God uses us to move in the unlikely, humanly impossible ways. The gift of Faith often readies us for ministering this way.

Realization: We are positioned to do the works of Jesus. Alertness _____?

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Suppose you are receiving Jesus' commissioning in Matt 10: 1- 14 - you are one of "the12"- what scenarios do you envision? What would be exciting to contemplate about this adventure? What might be some of your questions? Anxieties?

2. Have you had moments when you knew, even if those around you did not, that God was going to move in a seemingly hopeless situation? Describe these. What were your options for responding? What truth about God & His ways did you take away from these moments?

3. What thoughts or truths encourage you to participate in God's healing and restoration? What prompts you to pray for healing for someone with whom you intersect? What are the barriers for you, that prevent this?

4. I (Dan) sang the line "In your grace, you make all things new" this morning with my iPod. Was I singing a biblical truth? Why/ why not? Where would you take me in Scripture to outline God's Kingdom purposes when it comes to healing and restoration? What questions still need clarification for you?

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITY: (Remember to watch for God to move this week and tell us your testimony!)

I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus