

HEALING AND THE CROSS

TODAY'S TEXT: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

TODAY'S THEME: The atonement of Christ's death on the cross not only paid for our salvation but for our physical healing as well

I. _____ AND HEALING

A. Jesus Atoned For Sin And Disease On The Cross

> Christ bore our sins as well as our sickness

- Healing covenant of the Old Testament

- Based on _____ (Exodus 15:26)

- Healing covenant of the New Testament

- Based on _____ (James 5:15)

> Forgiveness of sins and the healing of diseases go hand-in-hand

- Mark 16:16-18; 1 Peter 2:24

▶ Have faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins based on God's Word, and have faith in his power to heal you based on God's Word!

B. Why Are Not All Healed?

> Healing is not the most _____ issue in life

- Salvation and spiritual growth are more important

Possible reasons those prayed for are not healed:

1. Some seek healing before _____

2. Some seek healing for the wrong purpose (James 4:3)

3. Some seek the wrong _____ (Acts 3:4-6)

4. Some are disobedient (James 2:18)

5. Some have _____ sin (Psalm 66:18; James 5:16)

6. Some have unbelief

- Those who pray (James 5:15)

- Those prayed for (Hebrews 11:6)

7. Some fail to _____ in faith for the answer

(Hebrews 10:36; Daniel 10:12-14)

▶ Faith in Jesus is paramount, do not lose hope because of suffering!

• 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 – Allow the Holy Spirit to comfort you

• Luke 11:5-8 – Be _____ and keep asking God to answer

▶ Jesus urges us to be bold in praying

II. _____

A. What We Need Most Of All

> Central theme of Isaiah 53

- Peace is afforded to our souls by Christ's atoning sacrifice

- Do not stop _____ until you receive peace

CONCLUSION: How's your faith in Jesus?

- Saving faith

- Healing faith

- Faith for peace

▶ It's available to you because of the Cross!

LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS:

“The Cross and Our Healing”

ASK: When you were growing up, who was the kid in school that everyone seemed to pick on? Why?

> Did you join in on the teasing? How do you feel about that now?

READ:

> Chapter 53 is the last of the four “Servant Songs” in Isaiah.

> Take time to read through all four as a group.

- Isaiah 42:1-7

- Isaiah 49:1-13

- Isaiah 50:4-9

- Isaiah 52:13-15 and 53:1-12

> From the last song, what was the purpose of the Servant’s suffering and what benefits come to others because of his death?

> What words of sacrificial imagery do you see used in Isaiah 53?

NOTE: The New Testament freely applies this song to Jesus (see Acts 8:32-35; 1 Peter 2:22-25).

> From your understanding of Isaiah 53, how would you explain to someone else the meaning of Jesus’ death and resurrection?

> How are the forgiveness of sins and healing from sickness linked in Christ’s death on the cross?

READ Isaiah 53:5 out loud, and then **PRAY** for any needs among your group members. Pray with boldness and faith, knowing that God’s Word is clear about His willingness to answer prayer in Jesus’ Name. It’s one of the reasons Christ died and rose again!