

ENCOUNTERING JESUS PRAYER TRAINING

SESSION ONE: WHY DO WE NEED HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY?

1. “You are the Body of Christ.” (I Cor. 12:27) The Body is broken and needs restoration. “But the greatest of these is love.” (I Cor. 13:13) It is the LOVE of JESUS that restores. Healing prayer ministry is God’s way of restoring the individual members of His Body in order that the entire Body might be strengthened and reconciled so that His Kingdom might come on earth as it is in heaven.
2. The human body is made in the image of God and also has three parts: BODY, SOUL and SPIRIT. These correspond to the roles of the Godhead: Father God represents the body; He gives Identity, protection and provision. His earthly representative is the father. Jesus represents the soul; He provides companionship, communication, friendship and acceptance. His earthly representatives are siblings and friends. Holy Spirit represents our spirit, our innermost being, the part of us that communes with Him and is forever sealed in Christ. Holy Spirit provides nurture, comfort and teaching. The earthly counterpart is the mother.
3. The TONGUE is the connection between the soul and the body. It contains the power of life and death! (Prov. 18:21) Just as God spoke Creation into existence, we as human beings bless and curse, create and destroy with our tongue. “The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” (Prov. 12:18) God gives us instructed tongues to know the word that sustains the weary (Isaiah 50:4). His prayer ministers use their tongues to bring restoration to bodies and souls in Jesus’ name.
4. Brokenness enters through the realm of the SOUL (mind, will, emotions) which in turn can affect the physical body. Open GATEWAYS to the enemy are SIN – INIQUITY – LIES – TRAUMA (SILT). In healing ministry, we identify the open doors by the power of the Holy Spirit, close them in the name of Jesus, and bring the presence of Jesus Christ into the areas where the enemy has attempted to steal, kill and destroy, Then we bless the prayer recipient (whom we call the Beloved) with those things that Jesus has for them in place of what the enemy had taken.
5. We are ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17-20). “It is not my ability, but my response to God’s ability, that counts.” (Corrie ten Boom) If God has called you, He will also equip you (2 Peter 1:3; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 4:19; 2 Tim. 3:17; Heb. 13:21).
6. LISTENING is key for a prayer minister: both listening to the stories of the Beloved and listening at the same time to the voice of God. Much healing comes as one tells their story. Be eager to listen and slow to speak. Holy Spirit will provide the counsel. Hearing God’s voice is a skill we can cultivate. Now we will do some exercises to illustrate that.