



### **Week 3: The Word On...[HEALING]**

**Sermon Date: 22/23 October**

*To be used during the week starting Monday 24 October*

**Leaders** – feel free to adapt these questions to suit your group.

#### **1. Getting Started.**

- Think of the last time you prayed for God to heal you yourself, or a friend. What happened to the person? How did you feel about the result? Discuss.

#### **2. Expectations about Healing.**

- a. Some people claim that God promises to heal, if we pray with enough faith. Always. Certainly, The Lord Jesus and the Apostles did amazing signs, some of which were healings. But from the following passages, can you tell whether Paul and Timothy, men of great faith, were always healed?
  - Read Galatians 4v 12 to 14, and then 1 Timothy 5v23.
  - Discuss what you learn about the lives of Paul and Timothy here, regarding illness.
- b. Any illness or disability causes worry and stress for the person affected, and often for those who love them. From Philippians 4v 6-7, how does Paul deal with such stresses?
  - Why does he say that praying in such situations is important?
- c. We often feel that illness and suffering are pointless hardships. Recognising that they are part of the general judgement of God on sin, what purpose does God tell us that He has for us, in regard to our present sufferings?
  - Read Romans 5v 1-5. What does suffering produce in the person of faith in Christ, and why is this of value?
- d. We are encouraged to look forward to a day when every illness will be healed. From Revelation 21v 1-4, what will this Day be like? When do you think this will be, and how does it help us deal with illness today?

#### **3. Getting Personal.**

From what you have considered in this study, what is a wise way to respond to sickness today? Discuss.