

Supernatural Hole in the Gospel

Main Scripture: Acts 9:32-40

Additional Scriptures: Exodus 15:26, 23:25, Psalm 6:2, Psalm 30:2, Psalm 103:2-3, Malachi 4:2, Matt. 10:7-8, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matt. 11:2-6, John 3:14-15, Numbers 21:9

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Our choice is to focus on what God has not done OR what He has done and who He is. What are some areas in your life where it is easy for you to focus on who God is and what He has done? What are some areas where that proves to be a little more difficult?
 - What difference does it make when we focus on who He is and what He's done? Share some stories of when that happened in your life.
- Pastor Mike talked about “experiential exegesis”, meaning that Christians interpret the Bible in light of their experience (and not interpreting their experience by what the Bible says, which is the correct way to do it!) Read the Scriptures above (refer to the “Additional Scriptures” at the top of the page) and dialogue about what the Bible really says about healing.
 - How does this compare to your experience with healing?
 - What is different? What is the same?
- **Read Psalm 103:2-3.** Pastor Mike read a lengthy chunk of his journal regarding the paradox of the benefits and sacrifices of the Kingdom. Discuss as a group what the benefits of following Jesus are and what the sacrifices we must make.
 - Are you more prone to focus on the benefits or the sacrifices? Is focusing on one more important than focusing on the other? Why?
- “Heaven is full of trust and the earth is full of mistrust. We'll always reflect the nature of the one we are most aware of. Your faith is going to follow your focus.” What role does faith and trust play in healing?
- **Read Isaiah 53:4-5.** Why is it that we believe for all the other things the Bible tells us we will receive, but not for healing? What makes healing so different in our minds?
 - What hesitations do you personally have when it comes to healing?
 - How can you overcome them? How can small group help you in that?

Doing: Application

- Pastor Mike said “Most Christians don't live like the Kingdom is at hand. The only difference is they start living a little duller.” The Kingdom is anything but dull! This week, go out of your way to look for and then pray for sick people. Hold each other accountable to do this throughout the week this week!