

**Prayer – First Response or Last Resort Series**  
**Message # 5: How To Pray For God's Healing**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
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**Message Overview:**

There are some ministers and churches today that teach that it is **ALWAYS** the will of God to heal you! If you just have enough faith ... you will be healed. **THEN** there are other churches and ministers who teach that it is **NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS** the will of God to heal you. And frankly, Christendom is divided over this question today. There is a lot of confusion and a lot of disagreement. And so it's very important for us to learn about how to pray for God's healing in our lives. If we are going to learn how to pray for God's healing, then it is very important for us to understand what the Bible teaches about illness and healing.

**Text:**

John 9:1-12 and James 5:13-20

**Questions for Discussion:**

• **OPEN IT –**

1. What goes through your mind when you learn that someone you know has a serious illness? Have you ever thought to yourself – *“Is God punishing them with that illness because of something they have done?”*
2. What are **some of the more important situations** in life when most people pray?
3. How do you respond to the statement – *“I believe in faith healing, but not faith healers.”*

• **EXPLORE IT –**

**John 9:1-12 – Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

1. How do our sins affect us **physically** and **emotionally**?
2. How do our sins **affect others**?
3. With what condition were **you** born so that God might be glorified?
4. In what way has God healed you?
5. In what ways are **we** spiritually blind?

**James 5:13-20 – The Prayer of Faith**

6. How can we use prayer to help someone who is sick?
7. How have you seen prayer bring changes in people or circumstances?
8. Have you or someone you know ever been sick and called on the elders of the church to anoint you / them? What was your impression of that event?

• **APPLY IT –**

1. Through what shortcoming in your life will you ask God to glorify Himself today?
2. For what healing in your life will you praise God today?