



## Encounter 'God who heals'

Date: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Reading: Mark 10:45-52

### **Does God still supernaturally heal today?**

In Ex 15:26 God declares that He is a God who heals. Throughout the life of Jesus many people were healed. In 1Cor 12:9 we read that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is healing. God clearly uses doctors and hospitals, but does He still supernaturally heal physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally today?

### **We need to ask**

Upon hearing that Jesus was close, Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, and when told by the crowd to hush-up he called out even louder. What stops us calling out and asking Jesus for healing? Is there a point when perseverance becomes unacceptable to God?

Jesus asked "What do you want me to do?" What does Jesus' question tell us about how he viewed blind Bartimaeus? How does Jesus view you and your particular needs?

### **Need faith**

Jesus makes a clear connect between faith and healing. What are the dangers of interpreting this as "faith = healing"? What is the difference/is there a difference between 'faith in healing' and 'faith in Jesus who heals'?

Medical help is good and essential. Do you view going to God the Healer as equally/more/less essential? Do you go to God first or 'if all else fails'? How is faith in Jesus demonstrated by your approach?

### **All about Jesus**

In Ps 23:5 we read how the Shepherd prepares a table in the midst of our enemies and anoints our head with oil. How significant is the communion table (the place where Jesus, the Good Shepherd, invites us to remember and encounter Him) when it comes to healing and restoration? 'He anoints my head with oil' – the shepherd's oil would help relational conflict (bashing heads), deter annoying flies (things that keep you awake at night) and sooth wounds. Would you appreciate that in your life?

Spend some time praying for one another – invite Jesus, the Good Shepherd to come and heal.



## Notes