

Series: Healing	Reference: Acts 19:11-22	Title: Sanctification through Sickness	Date: 1.6.19
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Community Group Questions

Take time to pray through the Six:Eight Prayer Foci for 2019

*If the Holy Spirit gives anyone a specific word for the church
share them with the other Community Group Leaders.*

- 1. FREEDOM:** Pray against spiritual attack on our church body & it's members, so that kingdom ministry goes unhindered.
- 2. SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:** Pray we'd abide in the Presence of Christ, honoring the Word & Spirit of God, being transformed & becoming more effective in witness. That we'd be drawn deeply into worship & prayer in powerful ways this year.
- 3. LEADERSHIP:** Pray for leadership to be filled with the knowledge of the Word & power of the Spirit, operating out of the two as gracious strong servant leaders.
- 4. MINISTRIES:** For all 8 church ministries to run smoothly, having all current & future resources provided for them to thrive (*Kids, Community Groups, Kingdom Opportunities, Stewardship, Impressions, Worship Arts, Prayer, Missions*).
- 5. LOCAL EVANGELISM:** That we'd preach the Word boldly & minister in the power of the Spirit to see people come to faith & publicly declare that through baptism. - for divine openings with neighbors, coworkers, friends & Community Partners.
- 6. CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION:** To be a *'House of Prayer for all Nations'* (Isaiah 56:7), obedient to the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20), overflowing to our Kinship Network relationships reaching Arab world Muslims, and other mission endeavors of the church.
- 7. GIVING:** Pray that we'd be stretched in faithful giving of our financial resources in order not to be hindered in our kingdom ministry as a church.

Study Questions

1. Open with prayer points above, asking the Holy Spirit to speak as you study.
2. Read Acts 19:11-22 aloud prayerfully - What do you notice? What sticks out? What is the relationship in these practices to a lively relationship with Jesus? What was the result of this encounter? And, what can we learn here?
 1. What are your thoughts on 'Healing' or 'Healing Ministries'?
 2. Do you believe God wants to move in this way among Six:Eight & our community?
3. What are your reactions/thoughts concerning our three questions of focus...
 1. Does God care about our soul, but not our body?
 2. Is sickness a form of suffering to be endured?
 3. Are we to accept sickness as a testing, or refining blessing, from God?
4. What sets the Christian Gospel apart from all other messages out there? There are a number of things...
5. Remembering Ken Blue's experience with his church in his community with many other religious activities going on, do you feel this way? (You can read the quote on p2 of the sermon)
6. Look up the following passages noticing what is communicated in them & discuss them together...Lk 9:1-2; 10:8-9; Mt 10:7-8; Mk 6:12-13.
7. What are your thoughts on the following quote: *"From cowardice which shrinks from new truth, from laziness which is content with half-truth, from arrogance which thinks it knows all truth, O God of Truth, deliver us."* -author unknown-
8. If sickness & suffering are separate concepts in the NT, discuss the two passages, James 1:2 & 5:14-15 noticing the differences.
9. Do you agree with our conclusions in this sermon...
 1. Sometimes our theology must be healed before our bodies can. We must realize we don't have a God who rejoices in making people sick. He's a god who heals, delivers & brings life.
 2. Sanctification through sickness doesn't seem to be a Scriptural view.
 3. Suffering has value, sickness doesn't.
 4. Sickness isn't a cross to bear, nor a test of character, although God will use all things to strengthen you.
 5. Rarely sickness does come as an impetus to deal with sin in God's people, but also seems always to come with a promise of healing. There's no indication there's pleasure in God's doing so.
 6. An interactive powerful God, who heals & delivers, validates our message of Grace.