

keeping wholeness in  
**mind**



## Sermon Discussion Guide

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

**Key Point: Jesus wants to and can heal us.**

**Life Sharing: (answer one)**

1. What were the "sick rules" in your home in regards to staying home from school when you were sick?
2. What helps you feel better when you are sick?

**Transition / Open in prayer:**

3. Why is sickness something we have to deal with as creations of God?

**Life Examination:**

READ Matthew 8:1-17

4. What did it mean to a person socially, financially, and emotionally if they had a skin disease like leprosy in Jesus' culture?
5. Why did Jesus want the healed leper to go to the priest?
6. Why did the centurion (Roman soldier) feel that he did not deserve to have Jesus in his home?
7. What does "authority" have to do with Jesus' healing?
8. Verse 17 quotes Isaiah 53. Read Isaiah 53:1-6 about the suffering servant (Isaiah 52:13). How did Jesus fulfill these words?

*READ James 5:13-16*

9. Why is prayer the next step when there is trouble, good news, sickness, or sin?
10. Are James' words a guarantee that our bodies will be healed? Why or why not?
11. How can you tell if a prayer is powerful and effective?

**Life Application:**

12. Describe a time when you have experienced healing in your life or watched it happen in someone else's life?
13. Why would a person not experience God's healing?
14. If you could pray for someone to be healed, who would you pray for and why?
15. What is the Spirit of God doing when someone prays for healing?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another. Focus on areas of your lives where you need healing.