

HOW DOES GOD HEAL? DECEMBER 7-8, 2019

INTRODUCTION

- Today we are talking about healing, one of our five core values.
- How does God heal?
- Chaos rarely means anything good.
- In the Bible chaos = a state of complete disorder or confusion - Genesis 1:2-3 NASB
- Throughout the Scriptures chaos is personified as the principal opponent of God.
- When Jesus comes healing should come.

I. HOW DID YOU END UP IN CHAOS?

- We never end up in chaos quickly it is always a process.
- We all have gaps in our hearts, in our emotions, in our lives.
- What you do with the gaps will determine how healthy you are as an individual.
- And we rarely get out quickly; it is a process.
- Problem with relationships, finances, and brokenness is it often happens so slowly we don't see it until it is a huge issue or a crisis.

II. FINDING YOUR WAY OUT

- Healing is also a process. It takes time and commitment.
- Mark 8:22-25, "...brought a blind man to Jesus...
...spitting on the man's eyes, He laid His hands on him
..."Can you see anything now?"²⁴ The man looked

around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly..."²⁵ Then Jesus placed His hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored..."

- Healing often comes one small step at a time.
- Appetites are never satisfied by feeding them.
- Zechariah 4:10 NLT, "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoiced to see the work begin."
- How do you go from failure to success? From pain to possibility? From loss to victory? One small step at a time.
- When we invite Jesus to work, His Spirit begins to carry us into a journey we could never take on our own.
- He empowers us, He comforts us, He feeds our faith, one step at a time.
- Proverbs 25:28, "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."
- By not exercising self-control you give up control to outside people.
- Success doesn't happen by accident, freedom doesn't happen by accident.

III. PEOPLE CAN GET FREE

- Proverbs 22:7, "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave to the lender."
- The average American lives in chaos with their money.
- Fights over finances are the number one cause of divorce (chaos).
- Seven out of ten people struggle with debt.