

**DOES JESUS STILL HEAL TODAY?
Mark 8:22-26**

- The Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus healing people. Do you believe these to be true? Why or why not?

- Read James 5:14-16. Why would this be an argument that healing happens today?

- If Jesus does heal today, then why does Jesus choose to heal some and not others? There is no record of Jesus turning away anyone who came to Him for healing. Then why are some healed and some not?

- What was the Apostle Paul's story about his healing? Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

- Discuss these quotes:

- Tim Hansel said, "I have prayed hundreds, if not thousands, of times for the Lord to heal me--and he finally healed me of the need to be healed."
- Bible Commentator, Matthew Henry, said, "Sometimes Christ sees that we need sickness for the good of our souls more than healing for the good of our bodies."
- Frederick Buechner in Wishful Thinking, said, "If your approach to this kind of healing is less ideological and more *measurable* (empirical), you can always give it a try. Pray for it. If it's somebody else's healing you're praying for, you can try at the same time laying your hands on him as Jesus sometimes did. If his sickness involves his body as well as his soul, then God may be able to use your inept hands as well as your inept faith to heal him. If you feel like a fool as you are doing this, don't let it throw you. You are a fool of course. ... If your prayer isn't answered, this may mean more about you and your prayer than it does about God. Don't try too hard to feel religious, to generate some healing power of your own. Think of yourself rather (if you have to think of yourself at all) as a rather small-gauge, clogged-up pipe that a little of God's power may be able to filter through if you can just stay loose enough. Tell the one you're praying for to stay loose, too. If God doesn't seem to be giving you what you ask, maybe he's giving you something else."

- Does anyone have any stories of healing they would like to share?