

## Discussion Questions

- 1 What would you say to someone who shows “fear and skepticism” over the question of healing?
- 2 What does Nicky mean by the “now” and “not yet” of the kingdom of God? How can understanding this help us in thinking about healing?
- 3 How would you answer someone who claimed that Jesus’ command to His disciples that they should heal the sick no longer applies to us today?
- 4 Nicky says, “not everyone we pray for will necessarily be healed.” Why not? Does this matter?
- 5 Why is it important to “pray with simplicity”? What are the practical steps that Nicky recommends?
- 6 What would you say to someone who thought that healing had not taken place because the person concerned did not have enough faith?
- 7 Why is it important to persist in praying for healing, even when “we do not see immediate, dramatic results”?



# Alpha

## A Practical Introduction to Christianity

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### Session 13 Does God Heal Today?

Introduction

Old Testament Healing

New Testament Healing

Healing in the Early Church

Healing Today

Discussion

## Introduction

- Words of Knowledge
- Physical healings

## Old Testament Healing

- Exodus 23:25-26
- Psalm 41:3,

## The Character of God

- Exodus 15:26

## Examples of God healing

- 2 Kings 5
- Isaiah 38 and 39

## New Testament Healing

### Teachings of Jesus

- Mark 1:15

### Healings by Jesus

- Matthew 4:23
- Mark 6:56
- Luke 4:40
- Luke 6:19
- Luke 9:11

### Commissions of Jesus

- Matthew 9:35 - 10:8
- Matthew 28:17 – 20
- Mark 16:15 – 20
- John 14:9 – 14

## Healing in the Early Church

Many examples of healing and miracles

- Acts 3:1-10
- Acts 5:12-16

## Healing Today

### Examples

### Practice

- Mark 1:41
- Matthew 9:36,
- Words of Knowledge: 2 Corinthians 12:8
- Picture
- Sympathy pain
- Impressions
- Hear or see words
- Words formed on tongue

### Prayer

- Where does it hurt?
- Why does the person have this condition?
- How do I pray?
- How are they doing?
- What next?