

Sunday Assembly Reflection

REFLECTION: Jim led us in a focused time of asking for healing on Sunday, reminding us that because we live in the “now, and the not yet,” healing is an ongoing kingdom fight. Healing, he said, is the power of the future coming to us now. But, being sick is not an indication that God doesn’t love you! We groan in the present world, because while Satan is defeated, he is not destroyed. So, we will struggle with sickness until Jesus resurrects us from the dead. Sickness is not part of God’s will, however, suffering is part of being a disciple. We can pray with confidence because Jesus has already won the war, even though we still face some battles.

When Jim exposed the myths we believe about healing, I agreed that sickness is not part of God’s original design, and not everything that happens is God’s will. Yet part of me still thinks healing depends on my believing enough. And, who knows if I’ll do it right? So, that makes me want to avoid asking for healing. I might be the one who doesn’t get what I asked for. It’s hard to live with the tension of the now and the not yet, but as Jim said, I don’t have to understand it all to pray for healing. It’s enough to say, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

QUESTIONS: Please pick one of the questions below to answer in your small groups; more if you have time. Be sure to pray for each other at the end.

1. What myths have you heard or believed about healing, sickness and faith? What would you tell someone about why you pray for others to be healed when there’s no guarantee?
2. How would you distinguish between suffering and sickness from a biblical perspective?

Pray for one another, that we will pray confidently and more often, because God has already passed the test!

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