



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

"Healing Takes Time"

**Preached by Pastor Eddie Hoagland
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"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,
declares the Lord, because you are called an
outcast, Zion for whom no one cares."

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Summary

Have someone from your group read the following summary aloud.

This morning, Pastor Eddie delivered a deeply personal and Spirit-filled message on healing—physical, emotional, and spiritual. Drawing from his own journey over the past four years at New Life, he invited us into a sacred reflection on how God meets us in our brokenness, not always with instant miracles, but often through a process of restoration that unfolds over time.

Pastor Eddie reminded us that healing is not a formula, but a tapestry woven by the hands of a loving Father. Sometimes it comes through supernatural encounters; other times, it is nurtured through the faithful presence of a community that listens, prays, and walks alongside us. New Life has been that kind of community for him and his family—a sanctuary where wounds were tended, faith was rekindled, and purpose was renewed. And now, as he and Christina prepare to step into a new calling by planting Kairos Church in West Palm Beach, Pastor Eddie reflects on New Life not just as a place of ministry, but as a house of healing. His story is a testament to the truth that God often uses the church not only as a vessel of mission but also as a place of beautiful, even divine, mending.

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own.

"Heavenly Father, as we gather to reflect on healing and your unwavering faithfulness, we invite your presence here. Open our hearts and minds to receive the lessons you have for us. Help us to be honest and open with each another, creating a safe space where we can share our struggles and support each other with compassion.

"Guide our conversation, Lord. Let your wisdom lead us, and may we recognize the ways you are at work in our lives, bringing restoration and hope. For those here who are hurting physically, emotionally, or spiritually, let them feel your healing touch and know they are not alone. Use this time to strengthen our faith and deepen our trust in you.

"We thank you for the community you've placed us in, where we can grow together in love and understanding. We pray that our time together today be a step toward greater wholeness in you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Getting Going

Allow time for each group member to answer the following questions before moving on.

Which worship song or Bible verse has felt like a balm for your soul lately, and why?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of the following questions as time and interest permit.

1. What stood out to you most from Pastor Eddie's personal story of healing?
2. Why do you think God often chooses to heal through a process rather than instantly?
3. How has the church community played a role in your own journey of healing?
4. What does it mean to "enter into agreement with God" regarding healing?
5. How can we maintain faith and hope when healing takes longer than we expect?
6. In what ways have you experienced God's healing that wasn't necessarily physical?
7. How can we as a church better serve as a "house of healing" for others?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life.

This week, identify an area in your life where you need healing, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, and share this need with at least one trusted person in your church community, asking them to pray with you about it.

Also, look for opportunities to extend hospitality to someone who might be going through their own healing journey.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before you dismiss.

Which of these points will you carry with you this week?

- Healing involves the people of God and is often a communal experience.
- Healing requires agreement with God's ultimate plan of restoration.
- Healing frequently takes time and happens in different ways.
- Hospitality plays a crucial role in the healing process.
- God doesn't waste our past. Instead, he redeems it for his glory.

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close your time in prayer, using the words below or your own.

"God, we thank you for being our Healer and our Redeemer ... and for bringing restoration to our bodies, healing to our hearts, and renewal to our spirits. We understand that healing is often a journey, unfolding over time through your touch and the support of those around us. Help us to trust your perfect timing, even when the path is long or the outcome is unclear.

"Give us an extra measure of patience during seasons of waiting ... and in those times, let us find peace in your presence and strength in your promises. Equip us to be instruments of your healing by opening our eyes to the needs of others, and by empowering us to offer compassion, encouragement, and tangible support.

"Thank you for the community of believers you've placed in our lives, family that walks with us through joys and sorrows, sharing burdens and celebrating steps toward wholeness. As we head out, may we carry the light of your healing into the world, trusting that you are always at work, bringing beauty from brokenness. In your powerful name, we pray, Amen."

Key Passage | Acts 9:17-19 NIV

These verses were highlighted during this week's sermon and appear here for your reference.

"Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'

"Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength."

Verses for Further Study

- Isaiah 53:5
- Revelation 21:4
- Psalm 103:2-5