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Proposal Introducing Healing Ministry into Local Church

After learning so much about healing and prayer, there have been so many ideas that come up but is that what God wants or is it the right time. There is a five step prayer model for the Vineyard Movement. I have been a member at my Vineyard church for a couple of years. I love how it is not a denomination but a movement. This five step prayer model has helped me to incorporate a healing ministry in our church even though a pandemic has caused us to be in quarantine. God is still able to move even when church has moved online. This prayer model is from a booklet called “The 5 Step Prayer Model: A Vineyard Approach to Praying for Others.”

In order for this ministry to birth there needs to be a leader. A leader that has knowledge on healing, prayer, and more. We are a small church but we have enough to change our town which is Nyack. One person can influence a group and that group can make a difference.

The Training Outline:

- Sermon series on healing and prayer and how it is still real today.
- After service discipleship group
- Go through five step prayer model
- Go deeper in the message
- Evangelism course

In order for this to work there needs to be training. My plan is to propose this healing ministry for the community and not just the church. If people cannot evangelize then how can we

implement a healing ministry? The goal is to teach the congregation the idea of evangelism and how it works. The reason why I want to implement evangelism is because it is important to know how to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ while healing those who are in pain. The training outline will include some things. In order for there to be an outline there needs to be time and people available and willing to learn, grow, and push the mission we were created to push. There will be sermons on healing and going through each model with clarity and helping the congregation understand what they mean. After the service, there will be fellowship which will include food, drinks, and time to speak to each other. After fellowship there will be Discipleship, which will be something that is important to attend. We will be going through the model and practicing with each other or whoever needs prayer.

This is not a scientific formula, or a magical incantation, this is an intentional way of praying for others while listening to the Holy Spirit. One must desire God to move in a big way and desire to see His children healed. The focus for this ministry is physical, mental, and spiritual healing.

The first step of the Prayer model is:

1. The Interview

The interview is when someone introduces themselves and asks either “how can I pray for you?” or “where does it hurt?” It is important to introduce yourself because it gives people a sense of trust. It is not a medical view or a counseling session but it is an opportunity to listen to what exactly is going on and what is causing the pain. It is also important to make sure the person feels valued and important because they are. God wants to heal those who are in pain. The person who is praying also needs time to listen to God and follow what He is doing and what He wants to do and where He wants to take it. John Wimber says it wonderfully when he says we are listening to

the person while also listening to God to speak to us. We need to assess how God is leading us to pray or maybe even a simple conversation. We need to take our time and be quiet and listen to God.

2. The Diagnosis

We need to know why this person has this condition. The cause of the person's pain can be many things such as, a disease, sin, emotional hurts, relationship issues, demonic influence. In order for there to be success in this ministry, one needs to know how to spot the underlying issue and why this is happening without jumping into conclusions. We must allow God to show us and not try to figure everything out on our own. Sometimes it can be two of the issues above or three or all of them. This is why it is important to depend on the Holy Spirit because we cannot do this on our strength. We might know how to talk or how to counsel but one must allow the Spirit to move. One needs to understand that Jesus is the healer and we are not the ones that have the power but it is the Spirit that lives inside of us.

3. Prayer Selection

We need to ask ourselves what kind of prayer is needed to help this person? We need to hear from God exactly what He wants to heal and what to say. God may not intend to heal the person the way the person intends to be healed. His plans are greater than ours and we need to understand that our finite minds and ideas cannot be equal to God's plan for this person or anyone. One thing that is also important is to pray in confidence. If God gives us a word, then we must trust Him and speak that word over the person we are praying for. We must be confident when praying for healing even if the person does not get healed, we still remain confident that God is still in control and will heal on His timing. Praying with humility is also important when doing this. We also need to make sure if the person is okay with laying your hands on them.

4. Prayer Engagement

This step focuses on the effectiveness of our prayers. This step consists of laying of the hands and asking questions as needed. We must make sure this person feels safe in the process. It is also important that if the person is of the opposite sex, then we need someone of that gender to lay hands on them. Wimber states “it’s important to treat people with respect so they maintain their dignity” (Power Healing pg. 211).

5. Post Prayer Direction

This model focuses on what the person needs to do to remain healed and also what should the person do if they were not healed. It is important to encourage the person to walk closely with God no matter the outcome of their healing. This is not something we just do and it is over just like that. We need to give the person guidance on what to do next. The pain that they had could come back depending on what it is and they need to know how to be free from it. They need to maintain a life of worship unto God, Bible studying, any church connections, and avoiding sin. If it was a physical healing, then it is also good to encourage that person to go to a medical doctor to confirm it, therefore the beginning of evangelism.

The reason for wanting to propose this is because it is important that we understand that healing goes along with evangelism as well. If we want to heal those in our community, then we have to understand that it is also evangelism. The healing ministry that was in the bible is still going on today. Being a part of the Vineyard church has helped me to understand that in so many ways.