

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, October 26th, 2025

Series: **“A Biblical Look at Healing”**

Message: **“The Disciples’ Gift”**

Sermon Text: **Matthew 10:1-10**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 30:1-5**; New Testament Text: **Acts 9:32-35**. Read **Matthew 10:1-10** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. What authority did Jesus give to His disciples in **Matthew 10:1**?
2. How did the authority Jesus gave His disciples differ from Jesus’s own authority?
3. Why was it so important that Jesus gave His disciples *authority over unclean spirits*?
4. Read **Luke 13:10-12**: On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” In this passage from Luke, what was it that kept this woman crippled for 18 years?
5. How did Jesus send out His disciples to do ministry?
6. Name four of the advantages of being sent out in this manner.
7. According to **Matthew 10:5-6**, to whom were the disciples to minister?
8. Why were the disciples to proclaim that *the kingdom of heaven is at hand*?

9. According to **Matthew 10:8**, besides preaching, what four things are the disciples supposed to do?

10. How much are the disciples supposed to charge people for their services?

11. What are they allowed to take with them?

12. What will this cause the disciples to be?

13. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 30:1-5** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. Why is David so anxious to praise the Lord in **Psalm 30:1**?
 2. What did David have to do to receive the help he needed from the Lord?
 3. Have you ever endured some things God was ready to free you from, but you failed to ask God for help?
 4. In **Psalm 30:3**, how does your Bible translate the good news of what God has done for David?
 5. Of the various translations read, which gives you the greatest comfort?
 6. When we are faithful to do as instructed in **Psalm 30:4**, what benefits will we enjoy? (This is not directly stated in the verse but requires personal introspection.)
 7. Can you think of any times in your life in which you experienced both aspects of **Psalm 30:5**?
- II. Next read **Acts 9:32-35**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. When you read this passage of scripture, what kind of impression do you get about Peter?
 2. Why do you think Peter was able to pull off such a miraculous healing with such relative ease?
 3. How long did it take Aeneas to respond?
 4. What kind of effect did Aeneas's healing have on the people of this area?
 5. What kind of effect do you think miraculous healings might have on this area if we began to see them happen with relative frequency in Platte-Geddes?
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