



WBS Evening Table Talk Questions for February 10, 2010

The Heart's Cry for Healing.....James 5: 13-15

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Ice Breaker:

Describe some situations in which you have prayed for healing for yourself or someone else? What was the outcome?

Table Set:

1. How do you think a "prayer offered in faith" (vs. 15) is different than a prayer which attempts to manipulate God? If the sick person does not improve, does that mean we don't have enough faith? Why or why not? Do you think there is any sickness that is "too small" to offer up prayers for healing? Why or why not? What happens when many people pray for the same outcome? (see 2 Cor. 1:11.) Think of some reasons that God would choose not to heal. (see 2 Cor. 12:7-10 as an example).
2. In this passage there is a connection made between physical healing and forgiveness of sins. Is it possible for "soul sickness" from sin to cause physical sickness as an outcome? (consider Psalm 38:1-8) The passage also talks about confessing our sins to one another and praying for each other as a part of healing. Why might confession have an effect upon a physical illness? Are we to confess our sins to everyone and anyone? What are some biblical guidelines for confession of sins? Disease and death came into the world as a result of the Fall in Genesis 3. Find at least two scripture passages that address what will happen to us and to death and disease when Jesus returns.
3. We are told in James 5:14 to call the elders of the church to pray over the sick. The church is just finishing the process of electing new elders and leadership for the coming year. Find out the names of the elders of ARC this week (they are printed weekly on the back of Ridgelines) and pray for each of them by name - that God would watch over their spiritual integrity and provide them with wisdom and faith for leading the congregation through the coming year.

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