

# **SOUTHWEST: LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

## **5-27-07 - "The Healing Presence of the Father"**

### **Ice Breakers:**

- What are some of the funniest injuries you've ever had, seen or heard of?
- Do you have any physical scars? What are they from?

**Dig:** Below are the 4 Texts from this morning's lesson. Read each one again, together.

Isa 61:1 – *"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives."*

- In what way has Christ successfully "bound up your broken heart"? What remains?
- Are you "guilt-free" (Heb 10:22)? If not, what stands between you and this?

Phil 3:12-13 – *"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."*

- Are you "pressing on" to take hold of what Christ came to give to you?
- If yes, how are doing it? How is God trying to help you obtain it?

John 20:21 – *"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

- Are there people in your life that you believe Christ is "sending you" to in order to accomplish the same things that God has sent Christ to you for?
- Do you see joining God's mission as a "heavy burden" or a "light and easy yoke" (Mt 11:30)? Why does this matter?
- When you hear the call of Christ to be who he wants you to be, do you feel "privileged and excited?" or "defeated, guilty, and 'not good enough'"? Which one is truth?

Matt 28:20 – *"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- Discuss this paragraph from Max Lucado: *"God was with Adam and Eve, walking with hem in the cool of the evening. God was with Abraham, even calling the patriarch his friend. God was with Moses and the children of Israel...He was with the apostles. Peter could touch God's beard. John could watch God sleep. Multitudes could hear his voice. God was with them! But he is in you...He will do what you cannot. Imagine a million dollars being deposited into your checking account. To any observer you look the same, except for the goofy smile, but are you! Not at all! With God in you, you have a million resources that you did not have before! Can't stop worrying? Christ can. And he lives within you. Can't forgive the jerk, forget the past, or forsake your bad habits? Christ can! And he lives within you."*
- What does this statement of Paul imply? - *"I work very hard at this, as I depend on Christ's mighty power that works within me."* – Col 1:29 (NLT)

### **Discuss:**

Is it unrealistic to expect a walk with God that is real and personal like those we read about in Scripture? Why or why not?

**Lifegroup Prayer:** Pray that God would give you His very real and practical healing and guiding Presence, in the name of Jesus Christ.