

Teacher's Aids for the 24 Main Healing Lessons

Elements of a Good Talk

- **Scripture, scripture, scripture**—pick several key scriptures (*2 or 3 to focus on*) and seek to plant them deeply in their minds and hearts. This is what the Holy Spirit will most powerfully use to liberate them in the walk out. Then scatter other scriptures generously about.
- **Key insights** and teachings from the lesson. Make sure the main points of the teaching are taught, heard and understood—and that they will at least go away knowing the one main point of the lesson. Refer to “Synopsis of the Teachings” in and to the “Main Points” section in the Matters of the Heart Workbook.
- **Personal testimony**—keep it short and sweet and serve it very HOT (**H**onest, **O**pen and **T**ransparent!) Keep a balance between what the enemy did in your life to take you captive and what the Lord did to set you free—don’t give the work of the enemy too much air time! Also, use your testimony to demonstrate how to walk and issue out.
- **Testimony of science**—quote a sentence or two from articles showing the mind-body connection as it is being established by medical science, if it supports your teaching—but never read a long article.
- **Humor**—bring in appropriate jokes, or sprinkle your own humor in as you go along.
- **Ministry**—at appropriate times, as the Spirit prompts you, lead confessional times of group repentance, petition for help with an issue, or release of burdens. Allow time at the end of the stronghold talks to do the group renunciations or other ministries.
- **Beware of doing long readings or long quotations**—people have little capacity for taking it in—unless it is an extremely good quote and is read very well.
- **Tone: float like a butterfly, let the Lord sting like a bee.** Our job is not to try to convict people but to simply put the truth before them and let the Lord do it.
- **Above all else remember this:** the goal is not primarily to give “a good talk.” Don’t focus on that. The goal is to get some truth, some message that is really important to you across to them, because you believe with all of your heart that they need that truth as much as you do. This actually frees you from being self focused and sets your heart on fire to share the truth that is burning inside of you to be expressed. So get your passion and clarity up about what you want to share and let it become so important to you that it drowns out pestering concerns for how the message and you will be received. I don’t remember when I learned this from the Lord (it was sometime during my time at Christ Church), but ever since then I have considered this the secret of effective teaching and preaching.

How to Use Illustrations and Personal Testimony

- **Never overshadow the truth** you are teaching by experience. Personal experiences illustrate truth; they don’t establish it. The Truths you are teaching are what the Holy Spirit will use to help them in their time of trial, not your own stories.
- **Follow the 80/20 principle:** 80% teaching; 20% personal testimony or illustrations. The Truths are the meat and potatoes; the personal testimonies are like the gravy that makes truth taste great. But no one can live on a diet of gravy.



- **Teach truth, not just so people will know it, but so that they will be saved by believing it.** You will communicate effectively what you are passionate about them getting! Know and be convinced of what they need to get out of your teaching.
- **Beware of “glory” stories.** For every 2 personal victory stories, be sure to tell at least one story of failure or of struggle to get something that was hard for you. People can relate better to you if they see your common humanity. It gives them hope if they see that you are just like them: goofed up and having a hard time getting it. Beware of the subtle pride that wants to appear glorious in victory—even if you imagine you are giving glory to God, you may actually be putting self on parade.
- **Beware of “gory” stories.** On the other hand don’t share about areas of your life that are still raw and bleeding. Things that are too unhealed will cast a shadow or a burden on them that will distract them from truths you are teaching, or worse you will speak from the darkness of your unhealed perspective instead of from His light.
- **Resist telling stories that put another person in a bad light—and you in a good light.** This may be a subtle way of getting revenge on people who have hurt you and also of making you a victim or hero in the class’s eyes. If you have to share something negative about someone, be sure you do it in a way that honors their dignity as a person. Don’t encourage people to judge someone with you, or laugh at someone.

Leading Ministry Times during the Lessons

This applies to any teaching. Be sensitive to the ministry moments as they may arise. John Wimber, the founder of the Vineyard movement, would purposefully teach about healing until the Holy Spirit began to fall on the people. Then he would immediately stop teaching and begin praying for healing. Only the Lord knows how to mend broken hearts—we have to learn to watch for His timing and allow Him to take advantage of moments when the people’s hearts are full and ready to release something to the Lord or reach for something from the Lord. He is watching every heart far better than we can and knows when people are ready to surrender, trust and pray. Be sensitive to His promptings. While you always need to ask permission to open an issue for confession, you can simply launch out into other kinds of prayer (ie. release of burdens; petitions for more revelation or more grace, etc).

Synopsis of the 24 Main Healing Lessons

1) The Spiritual Roots of Disease

Medical science has conclusively demonstrated that emotional stress is the root issue for most of our diseases. Living in the peace of Christ is the antidote for emotional stress. Therefore cleansing our heart of such issues is a third legitimate path to healing—the first two being prayer and going to doctors. This medical insight is a wakeup call to everyone in the Body of Christ to learn to live free of negative emotions (carried from the past or present).

2) Truth or Consequences

We see by science and the Bible that all negative emotions are not only stressful to the body, they are also sinful conditions of the heart before God since they drive out the peace of Christ. Where then is God in all of this? What can His attitude be towards us if unrighteousness is such a common thing as living under emotional stress? And how is a thoroughly loving God correcting the world?

3) The Keys to the Kingdom

Jesus gives His disciples keys of access to the Kingdom of God on earth. His Kingdom reign is meant to come to earth through our prayers and our trusting and obedient hearts and lives. What is the Kingdom?



What is living in it like—especially in terms of the emotional life? How do we get locked out—so that we need keys to regain access? What are the keys and how do we apply them?

4) Kingdoms in Conflict

The Kingdom of God is opposed by yet another invisible realm—the kingdom of darkness, ruled over by Satan and his demons. We are warned repeatedly about this kingdom in the New Testament and admonished to be aware of the enemy’s ways so that we can resist him. What are evil spirits and how do they have power and influence over us? How can we become free of their interference in our life?

5) Separation from Sin

Again the question is asked: how does God see us? If the penetration of the two kingdoms is a deeply rooted, often shifting tug of war going on in our emotional life, what is Father God’s attitude toward us especially when the enemy seems to be getting the upper hand over our emotions? On this question hangs our hope for an established heart—we need to learn to see ourselves as God sees us!

6) The Pathway of Temptation

We are not the author of our own waywardness! The tempter is real and we need to understand how his kingdom works upon us. The process of temptation is not initially to outward acts of unrighteousness (in word or deed) but to inward unrighteous states for it is out of the heart that evil deeds precede. What are the steps of temptation? What is the enemy’s main purpose in temptation? What is our place of refuge and power?

7) Steps to Freedom

God has given us the pathway of repentance to counter the pathway of temptation. Freedom may be hard won at times but the promise of it is real—and this applies equally to the inner life besieged by negative emotions as well as to our outward life entrapped in fruitless patterns. These eight steps are God given means of enabling us to return to Him and the promised place of refreshing in His presence.

8) Beholding the True Image

Two images fell when Adam fell. In coming to earth Jesus not only has restored to our hearts the true Image of what God the Father is like, but He is also restoring to us the lost vision of what we are like—in our full (not fallen) humanity. We are transformed by beholding Him. This is because what we behold we bear (carry) and the image we carry (in our heart of hearts) begins to be “birthed” into our lives. This principle is so powerful that it is the means the Father is using to rescue the earth.

9) Our New Identity

So important is this reality of image bearing that any distorted image of self we harbor will hinder and even cripple our walk with the Lord. Our emotional life becomes liberated as we learn to recognize who we really are in Christ. Whatever is not like Christ within us is not our true, reborn self either. We can learn to recognize and renounce all that is not Christ within and separate ourselves from life patterns that grew in us out of our contact with the fallen world around us.

10) The Father’s Heart of Love

The image that we carry in our heart of hearts of Father God will determine how we seek Him, how we think about ourselves, how we act towards others. We become like the image we bear—especially the image carried deep inside. For many of us this image has been distorted by Adam’s nature, earthly parents, and even misguided church teachings. Jesus came to reveal to us what the Father is really like by both His life and His death. Our emotional life depends upon beholding the Father’s love.

11) Strongholds

Why is it that the flesh is often such a problem to us? Our flesh has been crucified with Christ, but wherever we have had habitual agreements with negative emotions (sins) we likely have built up strongholds in our flesh that now resist the Spirit given life of grace. Such strongholds as generational sin, unbelief, accusation, bitterness, trauma, rejection, unloving, envy/jealousy, the occult, fear and addictions have to be brought down (crucified by us) for those areas of the flesh to be laid to rest.



12) Reversing the Curse (GENERATIONAL SIN)

The first stronghold that any child encounters are those sins and their consequences that are coming down through the generations which comprise their family system. We can learn to recognize and fall out of agreement with such generational patterns, but it must be through forgiveness, love and acceptance of the ones whom the Father chose to be our heritage—for the sake of the generational blessings He wants us to receive and walk in.

13) The Power of Believing (UNBELIEF)

As Christians we have unquestionably had our eyes opened by faith to behold the Lord of Glory. But have we been blinded by the light? We believe, but often we are captured by unbelief in ways that we don't recognize and therefore cannot resist. The scriptures promise joy and peace—real victory over the negative emotions—to those who believe, so it is evident that there are things God is challenging us to believe about the Truth of His Word which we haven't yet grown into sufficiently.

14) Discerning the Enemy (ACCUSATION)

The enemy began his attack in the garden by sowing doubt regarding the trust-worthiness of God's word and character. These convincing accusations continue to this day and out of them grow the areas of separation (from God, self, and others) which are the root issues of our emotional distress as well as our diseases. We must learn to recognize the voice of the accuser, if we are to live free of feelings of condemnation and become intercessors (not accusers) for others.

15) Freedom through Forgiveness (BITTERNESS)

Listening to and agreeing with the enemy's accusing thoughts towards others (coming from within ourselves or from others) leads to un-forgiveness, the initial stage of a root of bitterness. This powerful stronghold is not only a great obstacle to prayer and spiritual growth, it is also a root cause for so much of our incurable illnesses. There are 5 great motivations for forgiving and 10 steps of forgiveness that really work for those who are willing to work them.

16) Mending the Broken Heart (TRAUMA)

Untruth broke the world. Untruth has been breaking hearts and lives ever since. The truth about trauma is that Jesus has come to mend the brokenhearted and that all emotional trauma can be mended by the One who said that we would know (have intimate knowledge of) the truth and that the truth would set us free. There are 5 ways by which the Lord mends emotional trauma. The setting free is a process, often painful. We have to be committed in bringing our hearts to the Lord for cleansing.

GOAL: they will know and understand *the five main ways* that God works to heal any trauma and they will have a solid hope that if they open up to these five ways and work to bring their heart to God by them, He will meet them and mend them.

17) Accepted in the Beloved (REJECTION)

Feelings of rejection by others are among the most painful and damaging emotions we can experience for they often lead to distorted images of self and unfruitful coping patterns that can become deeply etched into our personalities. The Lord's antidote for rejection is to reveal the total forgiveness and acceptance of the Father and then to enable us by His Spirit to shift our hearts from seeking the approval of man (the sin of idolatry) to discovering and resting in the perfect love of God.

18) Love Thyself! (UNLOVING)

Crossing the hurdle of self-acceptance into emotional maturity has become a huge obstacle for many. The pain of rejection by others often cause us to become rejecting of ourselves. The fear of rejection by God often leads to great insecurity about ourselves. True love of self cannot thrive in either climate. Because Jesus has commanded that we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves, we have God's permission to learn to rightly love ourselves. Learning to do this brings incredible peace.



19) Godly Contentment (ENVY/JEALOUSY)

Only the faith awareness of perfect love received into the heart provides the protection we need against comparisons with others through envy and jealousy. Since this stronghold began growing out of a sense of “getting less than others” (or what we imagined we deserved or needed), God’s antidote is for us to grow a great trust that our loving Father is a perfect provider of all that we really need.

20) Exposing the Darkness (THE OCCULT)

Like trauma the occult is a door point for the enemy to enter our lives with lies and emotional bondage, but unlike our experience of traumatic events, we may never have realized that we were crossing a line that would damage us. The enemy’s kingdom thrives on what is hidden in the dark. The occult realm has to do with forbidden means of predicting the future, forbidden means of contacting the dead and forbidden means of accessing spiritual power.

21) Fear Not! (FEAR)

Fear is a giant seeking to block entry to a daily life lived in the peace and joy of the Kingdom and to the pursuit of our high calling and assignments. Fear can be held in place by bitterness, by unattended trauma, by the occult, and by false images of God—among others things. We will all need to learn ways to recognize and overcome fear if we are to enjoy the abundant life we have been promised.

22) No More Idols! (ADDICTION)

Addicts are not a special class of people. All of us have sinned and fallen very far short of the glory of God and need great grace. Anything in our life that is not of God (consider the emotional strongholds) and that we cannot just say no to, has become a besetting sin for us (it trips us up whenever it shows up) and needs to be overcome. All besetting sins/addictions are held in place by three powerful lies: the lie of the broken heart, the lie of the distorted image and the lie of the idol.

23) Spiritual Warfare 101

We have all been issued hearts the way recruits in boot camp have been issued rifles, but unless we learn how to keep them clean and well-guarded our hearts can become a weapon in the enemy’s hand that is used against God, self and others. There are two primary works of the Father that go on 24/7 for our conformation and transformation into a life like Jesus lived. But the enemy has read the book, knows this, and has 2 very effective counter strategies. Engage the battle for your heart!

24) Walking in the Spirit

The point of becoming free of the strongholds that resist the Spirit given life of grace is not to get free and then walk away. We have been set free so that we can live in greater union with Jesus through His Spirit. The new creation life works by 100% grace and by 100% guidance. We have all been guided by the Lord in many ways all of our lives; we need to learn to recognize and cooperate with those “un-self-conscious” ways. He also has many ways of leading us as we consciously seek His guidance.

