

SERMON REFLECTIONS

The third sign – a miracle of healing but why didn't Jesus heal everyone?

John 5:1-14 | 23 August 2026 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Take turns to read John 5 aloud. Take a few minutes to look at this chapter and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal a truth from God's Word into your heart and mind. Share (either in smaller groups, or to the entire DG) the truth(s) that the Lord gives to you.
2. "Bible truths must lead to life, bring us life and give life to others." – How can the truths we learn from (1.) help us to receive life ourselves or give life to others?
3. Our Lord Jesus went to the Festival in Jerusalem because He was faithful to obey God's Word (particularly in Deuteronomy 16:16-17). In fact, in the verses in Deuteronomy, there were two areas which a faithful Jew will obey God in – assembling before the Lord at the Temple, as well as giving to the Lord in proportion to God's blessings in the believer's life. These areas continue to be taught in the New Testament.

Why do you think God wants us to obey Him in fulfilling these two areas? I believe some/many Christians in Singapore are not regularly being present in assembly before the Lord, nor giving in keeping with one's income (1 Corinthians 16:2). Why do you think this so? What can the church do?

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4. God has given us (especially His people) at least five gifts of healing:
 - a. Our body has been designed by God to heal.
 - b. Through knowledge of healthy living (good diet, exercise etc.), through the help of trained medical practitioners, medicine and other therapies.
 - c. Healing of our inner being (hurt emotions, mind, etc.) through love, counselling, care.
 - d. Healing through spiritual gifts/graces: through prayer, through someone with the gift of healing, through prayer by the elders (James 5), through repentance, through deliverance, and when the gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached.
 - e. Eternal healing: new body in the world to come.

Discuss further regarding these five areas of healing (do discuss all five). What does each of the areas of healing mean to you – how should you respond? [example: knowing that knowledge of healthy living can help us (b), what should we do?]

5. The Body of Christ
 - is probably the reason why Jesus didn't heal every unwell person in the gospels.
 - is to bring healing (in whatever forms) to others, especially those who need help.
 - is to provide support so that God's children will not go back to their old ways (sin).

How can your Disciple Group fulfil some of the above work of the Body of Christ?

Think about the spiritual environment in your DG and family. Do you think you can improve on it? Take time to pray, and take courage to act in faith.

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