



Introduction

Welcome and opening prayer.

Encourage sharing about last session's homework

- What difference did focussing on those four truths make to their prayers?
- In what ways did it impact their faith and expectation?



Group discussion



Ask the group how important they feel the role of the Prayer Minister is in the healing ministry.

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We are now going to look at what prayer ministry is really about.



Study



A Prayer ministry is about helping people meet with Jesus

Read the story of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus - **Luke 17:11-19**

Ask people to share their reactions to it:

- What did the leper who returned gain that the others did not?
- What does this say about the purpose of prayer ministry?



Group discussion



B Prayer ministry is about treating people with respect and dignity

Set the scene by asking everyone to imagine that they have a deep personal secret or hurt that they really feel they need to share with someone:

- What words would they use to describe the type of person they would choose to share their secret with?
- How would they identify these qualities in someone?

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LEADER'S NOTES

Session 2

The role of the prayer minister

AIM OF THIS SESSION

To look at some of the key roles of a prayer minister.

90 MINUTES



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C Prayer ministry is about engaging with people



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Group discussion



- Does anyone recollect a time when they felt really listened to? What difference did this make?
- Alternatively, can someone share an occasion when no one took the time to engage with them or listen to them. What effect did this have?
- There is always the danger that we will listen to people for so long that there is no time to pray! How can we avoid this?
- Are there ways we can continue to engage with a person as we are praying for them?

D Prayer ministry is about bringing faith and expectation to the situation



Study



Ask someone to read the fascinating account of healing in **Matthew 17:14-21**, in which Jesus seems to challenge the faith of his disciples. As a group discuss:

- What does faith look like in prayer ministry?
- What do people really expect to happen when they pray?
- Is it possible to grow our faith?

Conclusion: The role of a Prayer Minister is to:

Bring people to Jesus

Treat people with respect and dignity

Engage with them

Add faith and expectation

Important though this is, we should resist putting the onus on us and what we bring to the situation, since our chief role is to bring people into the presence of Jesus where they can receive his touch, because without it there is likely to be little change.

Time of quiet and closing prayer



Remember to circulate the Notes for Participants - Session 2 - to those who took part.



Homework

In your quiet times at home, bear this question in mind and see what effect it has on your prayers, faith and expectation:

- What do you really expect to happen when you pray?