

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for May 11, 2025  
That's a Great Question: Does God still heal  
today?



*Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week*

### • CONNECT

- o Have you ever had someone ask you to pray for their healing—how did you feel about that request?

### • GROW

*As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.*

*21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

*23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. 25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.*

**Matthew 4:18-25**

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o Why do you think Matthew includes healing as such a major part of Jesus' early ministry?
- o How are physical healing and the call to follow Jesus linked in this passage?
- o What does the wide variety of afflictions in verses 23–24 suggest about the scope of Jesus' healing work?
- o How do you imagine the crowds responded—not just physically, but emotionally or spiritually—to Jesus' healing?
- o What strikes you most about the way Jesus moved among the people in this passage?
- o **Expanding the Theme**
- o Read 1 Corinthians 12:6–10 — Spiritual Gifts
  - o How do spiritual gifts like healing and miracles fit into the life of the Church today?
  - o Paul describes healing as a gift distributed by the Spirit—what might that mean for how we pray or act when someone is sick or suffering?

- o How might the Church recover or reclaim a deeper trust in God's healing power, while avoiding either over-promising or under-expecting?
- o Read Exodus 15:22–27 — God as Healer
  - o What does this passage teach us about God's concern for His people's health and well-being?
  - o In verse 26, God calls Himself “the LORD, who heals you.” What kind of healing might be in view here—physical, spiritual, relational?
  - o How can the experience of bitterness turning to sweetness (the water) symbolize the healing work of God today?

- **SERVE**

- Ask God to open your eyes this week to someone who needs healing—physical, emotional, or spiritual. Take one small step to respond: pray for them, encourage them, or help meet a need.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**