

S I G N S

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Mark 16.9-20

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: ...they will place their hands on people who are ill, and they will get well.'

[Most scholars recognise that these verses were not written by Mark himself but added later by editors. However, the church has accepted them as Scripture for the last 2,000 years.]

- Why is laying on hands (or placing hands) an important symbol, encouraged by Jesus and practised by the disciples? What does it convey and why is it helpful?
- Signs that **Jesus is Real**. Why are signs helpful in people believing the good news? Do we go for supernatural signs enough in our good news sharing? Do you have any examples of this from your own experience?
- Signs that **Jesus knows you**. Have you ever prayed and asked Jesus to give you a sign for someone who doesn't know him – a word of insight, or a touch of healing? What things hold us back from doing this more? What would encourage us to go for it?
- Signs that **Jesus is Victorious**. Why doesn't everyone get healed all the time? What should our response be when it doesn't seem to 'work'? Should we just give up? How does D Day help us understand our situation right now (a war won, but battles still to be fought)?
- What encouraged you most about Steph's story? Watch it again if not everyone was there to see it. (It comes in just before the 29 min mark on the preach.)
- How can we as a group grow in confidence in praying for healing for each other and for those outside church?

Big Idea: 'Healing is a sign that Jesus is real, that he knows you and that he's coming again.'

Pray together and ask the Holy Spirit to come and be with you all by in a powerful way. Open yourself up to him and make him welcome. Expect him to fill you and empower you for ministry.

Pray in smaller groups for one another, particularly if there are those with a need for healing. Lay hands in the name of Jesus and pray for healing. Pray also for those you know that need healing right now, but are not here. Finally, pray for boldness and anointing to pray for those outside of church when the opportunities arise.