

Healing Service Procedure

Mission: To minister healing, hope, love and comfort to the sick through faith-filled prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Before The Service Warfare (45 mins) 6:15-7:00

The team meets for prayer, Bible study and personal encouragement. The team is thus “prayed up” and ready before the service. Specific known needs can also be prayed for at this time of pre-service warfare.

Introduction 7:00-7:02

Because of the unusual nature of the healing ministry a brief word of explanation at the start of each service is in order. I would anticipate it going something like this:

“Welcome to the Townsville Churches of Christ and our healing ministry. We want you to feel at home here. We are just ordinary Christians who believe that God has called us to pray for those who are ill. We just do the praying - Jesus does all the healing. If you are a visitor we would like you to feel at ease. You won’t have to pray aloud, give money, or join the church. We will sing a few songs which you can join in if you feel like it, then there will be a short sermon on healing and a time when we pray for the sick. There is a medical doctor, a pastor and a professional counsellor on hand plus a team of people who have received training on how to pray for the sick. We will not ask you to do anything embarrassing, dangerous or foolish. We want you to feel the love of God in this place and to be made whole.”

Worship 7:02-7:15

Three songs plus a two minute personal testimony of healing. Songs should not just be personal favourites but be deliberately chosen to connect people to God and make them aware of the healing power that is in Jesus Christ. Songs that have good Scriptural content and that faith can “latch on to” are very helpful. Avoid songs that merely consist of a connection of unsubstantiated claims of power. They produce the sensation of unreality and people feel they are being “hyped up” and start to distrust the service and God.

Communion 7:15-7:25

A “Baptist style..” communion - without a lengthy devotional just a reading of the scriptures, **brief comment** and prayer. Focus on the wounds of Christ and their healing power. Pray for those unable to be present but who want prayer for healing.

Sermon/Homily 7:25-7:45

A twenty minute factual presentation of God’s Word focusing on healing, forgiveness, answered prayer etc. Should be a convincing presentation of what God can do for those who call upon His Name. No rash promises just words you can believe in. Greg or John mainly.

Prayer Ministry 7:45-8:00

People can either come to the front for prayer or just raise their hands where they are. The prayer team moves around praying quietly and confidentially with each one according to the healing method that Greg has outlined. Difficult cases can be taken to a side room.

Supper 8:00-8:20

Just coffee and biscuits. Allows contacts to be made and follow up to occur.