

ENCOUNTER



— SCHOOL OF MINISTRY —

Growing In Maturity

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Class 6 - Session 2
Q3. Power and Healing

Growing In Maturity: Understanding Prayers of Command

**Area of Clarity: Commanding Creation, Not
the Creator**

**Area of Clarity: The Church Has No
Universally Binding Prohibitions For Lay
People**

"Then the Saint put his hand on her head, and holding it there for a while, spoke these words, "I command thee, fever, to depart, and leave this creature of Almighty God:" and from that day forth the fever was stayed, and Maria was completely restored." - St. Philip Neri

Area of Clarity: Honoring Local Authority

Growing In Maturity: Exousia and Evangelization

Any healing that happens is a participation in Jesus' ministry.

Mt 28: 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority (exousia) in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

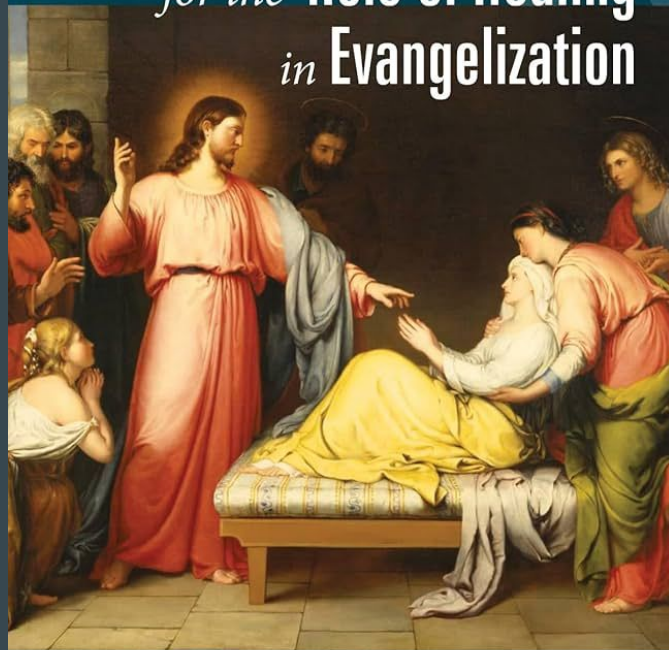
“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority (exousia) over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity...6 Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay.” Mt 10:1,7-8

Exousia and Evangelization: Lessons on Evangelization and Kingdom

Lesson 1: Context of Evangelization

My Principle: my participation in Jesus' authority to heal appears to increase in the context of kingdom evangelization. The greater the evangelization context, the greater I experience the Lord's healing authority.

Biblical Foundations
for the **Role of Healing**
in **Evangelization**



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Lesson 2: Kingdom

Growing In Maturity: Honoring The Gift of Natural Medicine

Jesus the healer is not in competition with modern medicine. All authentic healing intervention ultimately comes from God.

"Make friends with the doctor, for he is essential to you; God has also established him in his profession. From God the doctor has wisdom, and from the king he receives sustenance. Knowledge makes the doctor distinguished, and gives access to those in authority. God makes the earth yield healing herbs which the prudent should not neglect." (Sirach 38:1-4)

**As Christians, we desire to give people
the best of Jesus and the best of
modern medicine.**

A healthcare worker, likely a nurse, is shown from the chest up. She is wearing teal scrubs and a light blue hairnet. Her eyes are closed, and her hands are clasped together in a prayer position in front of her face. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white, suggesting an indoor setting with natural light. The overall mood is one of calmness and devotion.

ADVANCING THE KINGDOM

KINGDOM MEDICINE

Growing In Maturity: An Interior Culture of Radical Gratitude and Praise

Healing Room Practicum Preparation

Homework

Journal: When healing ministry is not common, it's easy for the enemy to create stumbling blocks of confusion. For homework, take a moment and ask Jesus to highlight one of the "Growing In Maturity" topics that we covered in session 1 or session 2 for you to reflect on. Write a half-page to one page journal entry that summarizes the area of growth in your own words. Be sure to note why it's important for students of Jesus to grow in this area as they seek to faithfully respond to the Spirit.

Suggested Reading: Healing - Bringing God's Mercy to the World, Chp 11-12 (see syllabus for suggested reading schedule)