

Paul Brown- Encounter God

Paul talked about the authority that has been given to us to preach the gospel and see the sick healed. We have the delegated authority of Christ.

Jesus through his ministry would speak to sickness and tell it to go. He would speak to blind eyes and command them to see. He would speak to deaf ears and command them to hear. Jesus has delegated this same authority to us.

Paul went on to show the contrast between two people kissing Jesus in the bible.

1. In Luke 7 v 36 a prostitute brought an alabaster jar and poured perfume over Jesus and kissed his feet. Those around frowned upon her actions because of who she was. Jesus said that her sins were forgiven and explained that her faith had saved her.
2. In contrast in Mark 14 Judas comes and kisses Jesus to show the guards who to arrest. It is possible to be really close to Jesus yet still not be a Christian. It is possible to be around God's people yet not choose to be a follower of Jesus.

Some questions...

1. Do you feel you have authority to pray for the sick?
2. What stories of praying for the sick can you share to encourage one another's faith?
3. Is anyone sick in your group that can be prayed for tonight?
4. Read the story in Luke 7- Jesus asks the question 'Now which of them will love me more?'- How big was your debt before you became a Christian and how does it impact your life knowing Jesus has cleared it?
5. Who do you know that is around the church but not a Christian yet- why not pray for them to know Jesus.