

1) Relationship > Healing

God is good and unchanging—Jehovah Rapha—yet His ultimate aim is restored relationship, not just relief. Paul asked three times and then rested in “My grace is sufficient,” choosing communion with God over instant comfort. Healing is wonderful; knowing Him is the point.

Read: Psalm 103:2–5; Luke 19:10; 2 Corinthians 12:7–10; Romans 8:28

Discuss:

- Why might deep relationship with God be more precious than being pain-free?
- How does Paul’s response (“boast gladly in weakness”) redefine what a “win” looks like?
- If the end goal is relationship, how should we pray when healing hasn’t come (yet)?
- Where have you seen spiritual, emotional, or relational healing matter as much as physical?

2) Faith and Healing (Object > Amount)

Faith is in the mix, but the **object** matters more than the **amount**—mustard-seed trust in Jesus moves mountains. In Nazareth Jesus did not do many miracles, not for lack of power but because of unbelief. We ask boldly, but we don’t weaponise “you lacked faith.”

Read: Matthew 17:20; Matthew 9:20–22; Mark 9:24; Matthew 13:57–58; James 4:2

Discuss:

- Is faith important in healing? In what way—and what isn’t it?
- How do these passages move you from “more faith” to “faith in Jesus”?
- Where might scepticism—or simply not asking—be holding you back?
- What does honest prayer sound like when you can say, “I believe; help my unbelief”?

3) Hunger, Mission, and Asking

God hasn’t changed, but cultures differ in receptivity. Healings often cluster where the gospel is advancing and people are hungry enough to ask; in sceptical settings, even strong testimonies can repel. The issue isn’t God’s ability but our openness and obedience to ask.

Read: Matthew 7:7–11; Matthew 13:53–58; Acts 3:1–16; James 4:2–3; Luke 4:16–21

Discuss:

- What do these texts teach about asking, posture, and receptivity?
- How might Aussie scepticism show up in you or your group?
- Where could you take a concrete step of hunger this week (asking for prayer, offering prayer, or both)?
- How does linking healing to mission shape the way we tell stories and give God the glory?