We are so glad that you joined us today. A few words about our church... We seek to be an expression of Jesus’ love for the world. It’s our hope that you get a taste of that love during your time with us this morning as we sing, unpack the Scriptures, take communion, and pray. Welcome to our community.
What is the Role of Faith in Healing?
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Key Verse:
Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. - Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

Digging Deeper

In our fast-paced culture, it’s easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message “stick” we created Digging Deeper. It contains questions related directly to today’s sermon, so that you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker - March 23 marked the 3rd Sunday of Lent. What are you fasting from during Lent? How is it going? Did you “cheat” at all this week? How much do you miss the food/activity/etc. you are fasting from?

2. Is there anything you heard in this week’s message or experienced in this week’s service that was an “a ha” moment, something significant for you?

3. When it comes to the topic of “praying for healing” or the healing-prayer movement in general, which best describes you:
   - “It’s all new to me. I have no opinion one way or the other.”
   - “I tend to be skeptical about it.”
   - “I believe in it but am cautious about it.”
   - “It’s a core part of my faith.”

4. Have you ever held to one of the two extremes talked about in today’s sermon, where you believed your faith was the sole variable in whether or not someone you prayed for was healed or where you believed faith had nothing to do with someone being healed? How did you come to believe that perspective? Do you still believe it today? Why or why not?

5. Having a deeper faith is always a good thing because it will lead you to pray more passionately and believe God for greater things. Consider the following scale of 1 to 10 that measures your “level of faith”:
   1 = I have about as much faith as an atheist does.
   10 = I have a mountain-moving faith, so when I pray, I believe God for miracles.

   How would you rate yourself according to this scale -- both today and a year ago? Explain.

6. This Sunday’s sermon was all about the role of faith in healing. As we discuss this topic we don’t want to focus on a “tree” while forgetting the “forest” in the process -- namely, that Jesus heals! Have you ever prayed -- for something major or something minor -- and believe that Jesus healed either you or a loved one as a result? If yes, share that experience with the group, and may your faith be built up as a result.

Action Step: Who is someone in your life whom you desperately want to be healed either physically, emotionally, or spiritually? Spend some time praying for that person right now.