

CHRIST Series: Hospitality and Healing Study 1

Read our mission statement:

To know Christ and make Him known, that all may become His fully devoted disciples.

1. Read Isaiah 53.

Where do you see **healing** and **hospitality** present within this description of Jesus?

2. Let's explore the New Testament demonstrations and applications of this text: Read Matthew 8:1-17.

Here is how Jesus' ministry and some of Isaiah 53 works out:

Jesus touched an infectious and unclean man (V1-4)

Jesus healed and praised the faith of an enemy over his own people (V5-13)

Jesus healed all brought to him, it appears without discrimination, starting with Peter's Mother-in-law (V14-17)

How do you think each of these (above) informs a pattern for us to follow today?

3. Read 1 Peter 2:18-25. It gives some insight into how we follow Christ's example described in Isaiah 53.

Human slavery is detestable to us. How do you react to Peter's instruction to submit to even harsh masters for the sake of the gospel?

There is an element that when we love those that do not love us we are open to further suffering. This thought is a great barrier and forms the fear that separates us from practising hospitality and healing in its many forms. How do we enter into this personally in our own lives and in the lives of our greater community?