



Cross Roads Evangelism

# Hospital Outreach

## TRAINING GUIDE



**Mark 16:15**

*Go into all the world  
and preach the Gospel to  
everyone!*

**Matthew 25:36**

*I was naked and you clothed Me,  
I was sick and you visited Me,  
I was in prison and you came to Me!*

## INTRODUCTION:

The main goal of Cross Roads Evangelism is to **equip and encourage** believers to proclaim the one true Biblical Gospel of Jesus Christ in our communities.

\*Therefore, it is important to familiarise yourself with the

– **Basic Evangelism Training Study Guide** first.

- Contact our admin at 060 242 0455 to request it.
- Download it from our website – [www.crossroadsevangelism.co.za](http://www.crossroadsevangelism.co.za)

This basic study guide on healing and evangelising in hospitals will give you a better understanding of biblical healing and ministering to people in hospitals. No disease, illness or infirmity is too big (or too small) for God.

(All Scripture taken from the NKJV Holy Bible)

### **1. The great commission**

Mark 16:15

And He said to them,

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

\*Also refer to Matthew 28:16-20

### **2. Signs will follow those who believe**

Mark 16:17-20

17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; They will speak with new tongues;

18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**AFTER** Jesus ascended into heaven, the Lord continued working with His disciples and **CONFIRMED** the word through the accompanying signs.

### 3. Jesus tells us to visit the sick:

#### Matthew 25:33-40

33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

38 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

In the following Scriptures we see Jesus not requesting, but rather commanding believers, to heal the sick.

#### Matthew 10:7-8

7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

#### Luke 9:1-2

1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

To the 70 others Jesus appointed He says: Luke 10:9

"And heal the sick there and say to them 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

## 4. Healing as part of the message

When preaching, Jesus would often heal people. Usually, the healing would take place after the preaching and teaching. He would go throughout Galilee, teaching in synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing the sick and diseased. Healing often served as a powerful accompanying sign following the truth that He teaches. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). His primary mission was to bring the free gift of salvation through His death, burial and resurrection to all those who would believe in Him. (John 3:16)

Jesus came to save humanity spiritually and to reconcile us back to God, through faith in Him and in the finished work of the cross. He also displayed His everlasting love, amazing grace and total authority by healing physically.

Matthew 9:1-8 / Mark 2:1-12 / Luke 5:17- 26

(Jesus forgives the paralytic man BEFORE He heals him.)

Matthew 4:23-24

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

We read in the Gospel books that **preaching the Gospel** always came first **BUT** the preaching and teaching also went hand in hand with deliverance and healing.

\* Cross Roads Evangelism encourages the Body of Christ to preach the gospel as part of their daily lives and to walk in the authority given to us by Jesus. We should earnestly desire the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit to be an instrument in God's hand. (1 Corinthians 12:8-11)

\* Paul writes something profound in the following Scripture passages:

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

## 1 Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

## 5. Faith or lack of faith

### Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Do we "really" know the authority that we walk in? Do we have faith?

As Jesus says in: Luke 18:8

“... Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

### Luke 17:5-6

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith”

6 So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ' Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.”

### Matthew 17:20

So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief, for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move,' and nothing will be impossible for you.”

### Matthew 21:21

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.”

### 1 John 3:22 - 23

22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another as He gave us commandment.

Also refer to John 15:12 and John 15:17.

John 15:7-8

7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

## 6. The answered prayer:

May our faith increase to such an extent as written in: John 14:12-14

12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

## 7. God still heals today

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) He healed both spiritual and physical yesterday and still does so today and will continue to do so forevermore, for He is the Lord who heals us. (Exodus 15:26)

Psalm 103:3

Who forgives all your iniquities; (Spiritual)

Who heals all your diseases (Physical)

Jeremiah 30:17

“For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds” says the Lord

Jeremiah 32:17

‘Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you!’

Matthew 8:17

... “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses”

## **By the stripes of Jesus, we are healed.**

Many people use the following two scriptures for physical healing, but both refer to spiritual healing and not physical healing. *The context can be found in the verses itself in words such as transgressions, iniquities, peace and sins:*

### Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

### 1 Peter 2:24

“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – By whose stripes you were healed.”

## 8. God does not always heal us in our earthly lifetime

### Revelation 21:4

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

**Be careful of irrefutably telling someone that they will be healed.** A person may sincerely pray and truly have faith that God can heal, but if it is not God’s will to provide the healing, at that time, then no healing will come.

1 John 5:14 - Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

- We do not want people to lose confidence in their own faith.
- We do not want people to lose their faith in Jesus.
- We do not want people to lose hope...

**>>> If they do not get healed physically.**

The prophet Elisha died from his illness, as chronicled in 2 Kings 13:14. This demonstrates that *righteousness and faith do not guarantee a miracle of healing.*

John 5 describes Jesus as healing only one man from a crowd of many sick people at the pool of Bethesda, indicating that there were times when not everyone was healed.

**\* The lack of healing does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. God may have other purposes, such as using the suffering for spiritual growth or for the glory of Christ. (Romans 5:3-5 / James 1:2-4)**

Christ's primary mission was not to heal everyone but to bring salvation to the world. (John 3:17, 1 Timothy 1:15)

\* You may not see the miracle of healing yourself immediately. The healing from God may take place at a later stage. The healing that God gives may be different to what you prayed for. As you sow the Word in your prayers, *God may heal their broken hearts and bind up wounds that cannot be seen.*

\* **We do not do any of this to glorify ourselves.** We do it from a sincere heart, with fervent love for our neighbour. All the glory and praise go to God the Father.

**IF HEALING DOES TAKE PLACE, WE REMIND OURSELVES OF THIS:**

*We do not save anyone. We do not do the healing.  
Every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of Lights.  
Staying humble we do not exalt ourselves.*

***Jesus is the One who saves. Jesus is the one who heals!***

**DURING HOSPITAL OUTREACHES WE MOSTLY PRAY FOR PEOPLE:**

**Power in prayer.**

Jeremiah 33:3

"Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know"

James 5:14-16

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avail much.

Matthew 21:22

**"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. "**

**Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ remains the most important objective at Cross Roads Evangelism. When visiting the sick in hospitals, the Gospel of Jesus will still take centre stage.**

The Gospel can also be preached during prayer.

e.g. " Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name... (this is familiar to most) We come before Your throne of grace, with thanksgiving in our hearts, thank You Father for sending Your only begotten Son Jesus to die for our sin on the cross, who three days later rose from the dead... (part of the gospel has just been preached during prayer)

The Holy Spirit will lead you as to what you should pray for each individual person:

Matthew 10:19-20

19 "Do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

20 "For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

**GENERAL RULES FOR PATIENT PRAYER:**

- 1) Before praying for anyone, ensure that they understand that you are there firstly to share the Gospel with them. \*It must be established that the prayer is being done under the authority of Jesus Christ and no other "god"/religion.
- 2) Ask if you may pray? If they say no, then respect their decision and move on to the next person. (Be respectful)
- 3) Find out exactly what is wrong. You can ask how long they have been in the hospital. What are their levels of pain, etc.
- 4) Ask them if you can place your hands on them to pray? It is advisable to only lay hands on their head, shoulders, arm, knee and lower leg.
- 5) Confirm with the patient that that he/she is comfortable with the way that you lay hands on them. Preferably Men should pray for men and women for women.
- 6) Pray with your eyes mostly open, so you can observe what the Holy Spirit is doing.
- 7) Keep your prayers short and to the point. (Matthew 6:5-8)
- 8) Let the Holy Spirit guide you. The Holy Spirit who dwells in you shall be your eyes, your ears, and your mouth.
- 9) People are not a project, so let them feel loved and honoured.
- 10) **Give glory to God when healing takes place!** PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!

## 9. Conclusion - Be salt and light:

When praying for patients during visiting hours, other visitors might be present. They might need a word of encouragement. Also take the opportunity as the Holy Spirit guides you to share the Gospel with anyone at the hospital who needs to hear.

### Colossians 4:5-6

5 Let us walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, so you may know how you ought to answer each one.

### Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now to Him who can do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.