

Let's just understand what happens in this passage first.. Jesus is in the heat of his ministry.

Matthew 14: Business Card for God. Review the Chapter .

- Because Jesus actions on earth reflect God's character
 - And we get to see another piece of God's character, through this passage.
- Se we get to see another slice of what God looks like.What is his character?
 - Compassion
 - A help when his loved ones are trouble , Caring
 - Healer

Genessaret:

- People recognize him and begin to take action. All across the region.
 - See Flyer slide
- What did the people understand?
 - This was their opportunity to be healed
 - Power of God touching human beings
 - Transformation at physical, spiritual alevel
- Healing defined
 - Process of becoming sound or health
 - Healing is about the process.
 - Why because God understand he is dealing with broken people.
 - He is not surprised by the severity of the needs of our brokenness
 - In fact the greek word for healing gives us a bit more insight I think into how God thinks about healing
 - He knew that we would need to saved, healed and delivered
- Personal Story
 - First I understand this... it connects to me professional
 - Then connects to me personally.

God's character is not in question. Our brokenness is not in question, our response to Jesus is

Scripture Breakdown

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- Big Picture Summary: When God created us in his image. We were designed to reflect him. You were designed to reflect him. God wants to help you do that . He wants to restore his kingdom, the Garden Party Michael Dixon shared about
- But we have to opt in!!
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2 Responses to Jesus, to God : yes or no



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- Gennesaret model: Jesus shows up → Recognized Him → Demand everyone in need of healing / sick come → Everyone who touches him gets healed. What an awesome response
 - I want to show an alternative response to Jesus → Luke 8 26-39. Gerasene town just across the sea
 - When Jesus steps ashore., he heals a demon possessed man, but it costs the town a herd of pigs
 - V37- The all the people of the region
- Gerasenes Model: Jesus shows up → He heals one man/ herd of pigs die → the people ask Jesus to leave → Jesus leaves
 - Why would they do this? Didn't they want to be healed. Don't they want to be well?
 - When Jesus comes it ceases to be about what you experienced, what you know and what you are comfortable with
 - Its all about him.

Points About the Passage

1. Recognize your need
2. A Community that points you to wholeness is important.
3. Let something go

Matthew 14: 34-36 (NIV)

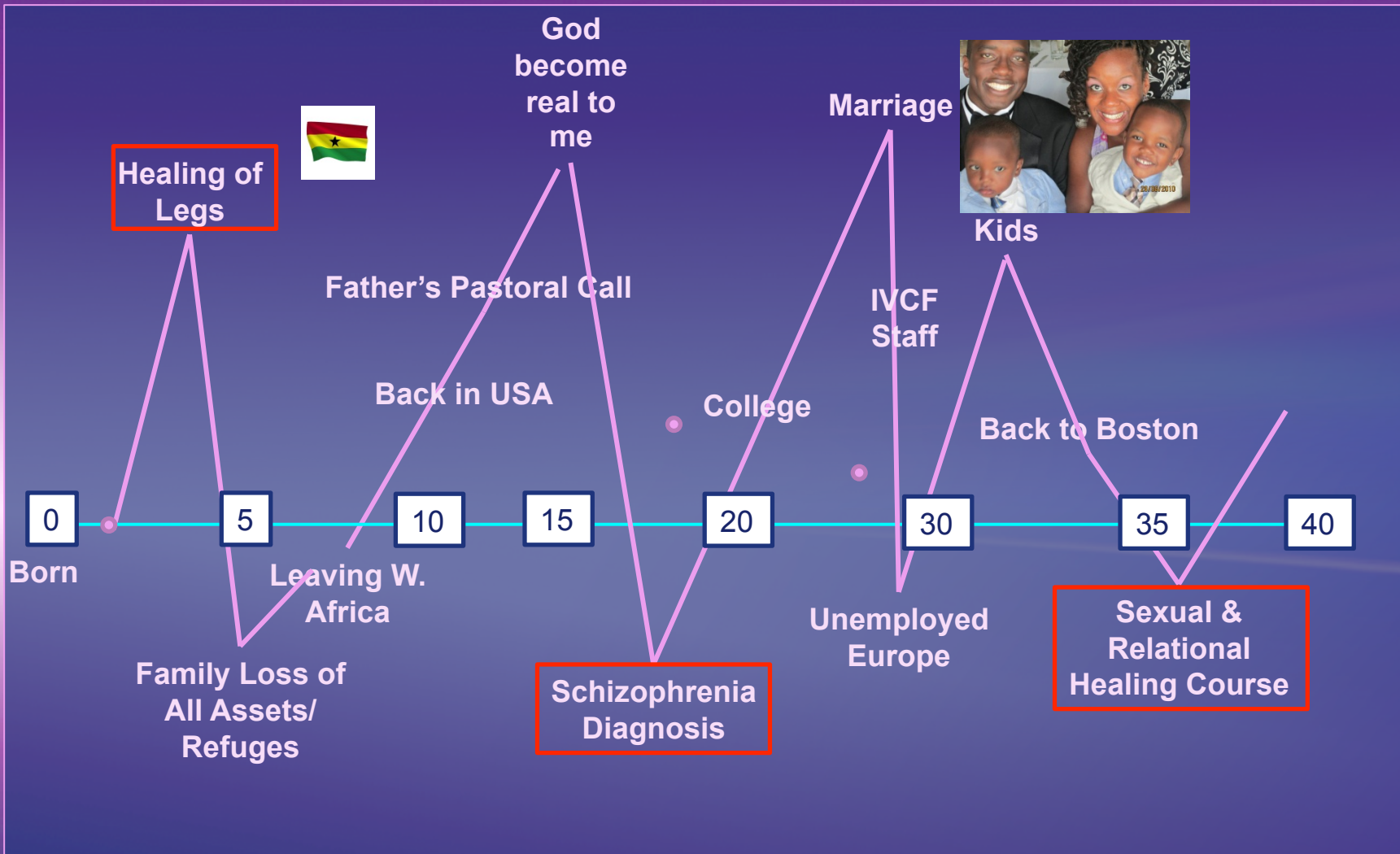
- ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him ³⁶ and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Defining terms

- **Healing** : the process of making or becoming sound or healthy again.
- **sozo sode'-zo**: to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively); heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole

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Spiritual Lifeline



Presenting:

GOD'S FAMILY

* ALL WELCOME

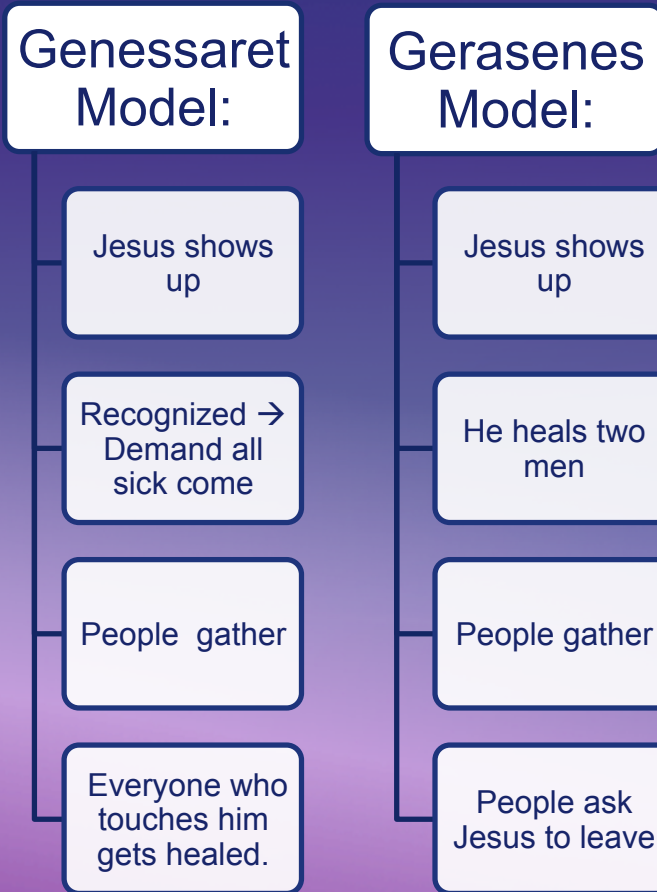
* GUARANTEED HEALING

For All Sick Persons
Physically Present

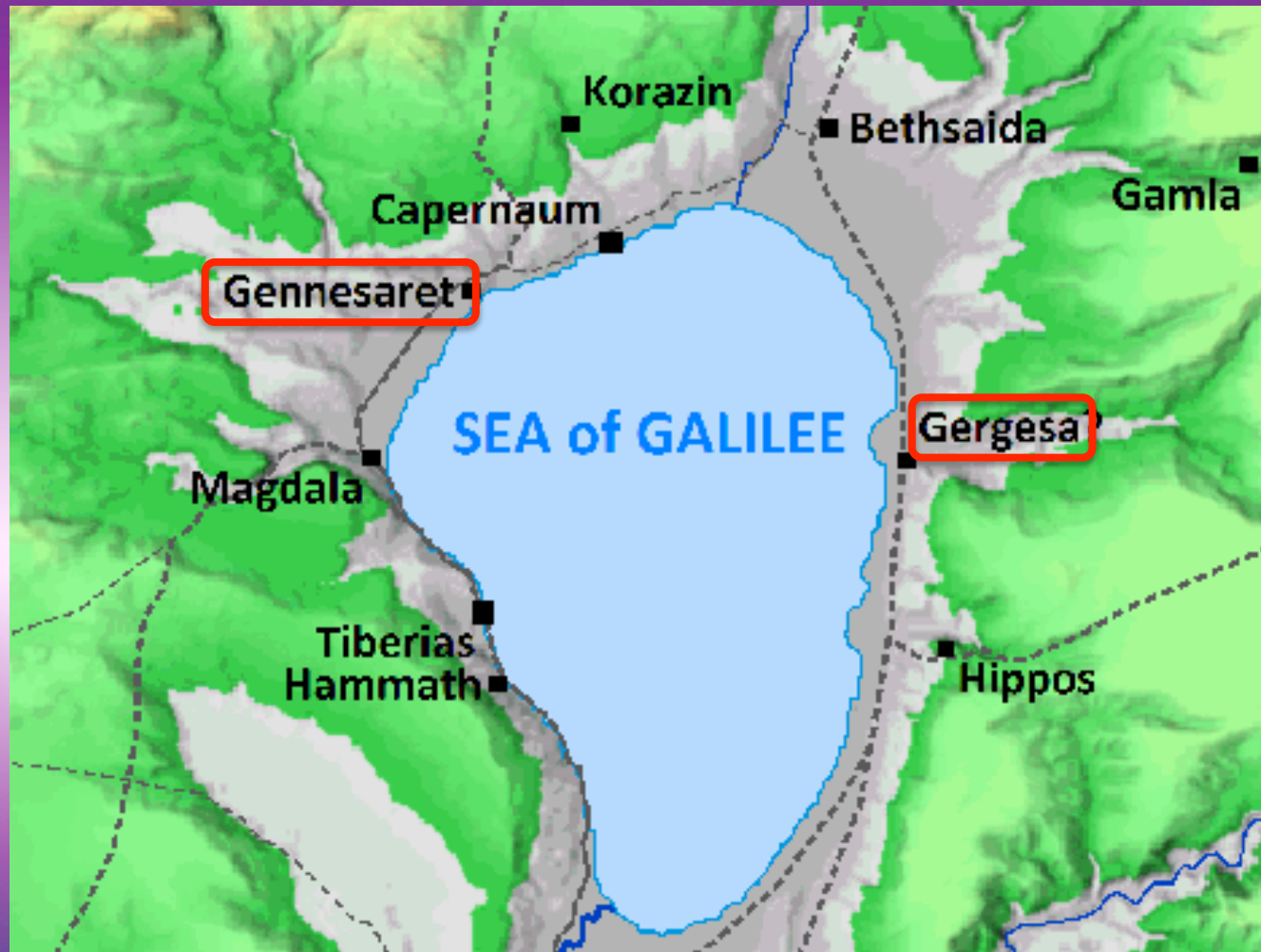
- Featuring *****Jesus**** in Gennesaret
- **TODAY ONLY!!!**

Matthew 8:28 -34

2 Models of Response



Map of Galilee Region



Takeaways

1. Gods desires to heal
 - We need to understand his character and accept his love
2. Community / Family matters
 - Invest in community that points us towards wholeness
3. Let something go
 - Change your plan. Take your need to Jesus

Discussion Questions

- What does this passage tell us about God's character?
- What do the actions of the people of Genesaret tell us about Jesus?
- Have you experienced healing in your life or has someone close to you?
- What feels risky about healing?
- What aspects of the scripture do you or do you not relate to?