

## Healing Service Guidelines

1. The Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference, does not look favorably on group prayers for healing. For some reason they think the command to anoint people should be an individual experience even though there is nothing in the text to limit anointing to just one person at a time.
2. People should have plenty of warning before such a service is held so that they can prepare their hearts by confession, repentance and restitution where necessary.
3. Be sure to have plenty of help. It is not uncommon to have dozens of people come for prayer and anointing when the opportunity is provided.
4. Those leading out should be pastors and elders.
5. I always stay with olive oil since that was the oil used in Bible times.
6. This should not be a spectator event, and people should be strictly charged to keep the confidentiality of others sacred.
7. Emphasis should be placed on faith, not external experiences, or the lack thereof. I have seen some of the most astounding miracles without any external evidence to suggest the Holy Spirit was near.
8. Do not allow the group to linger afterward and turn the occasion into a social. This is a sacred time.
9. It is good to have a definite beginning and closing so that people know when they leave in a discreet manner.
10. Musicians are often a great help if they can play quietly in the background while people are praying.
11. Jesus has promised to heal. The only variables are when and how. Perhaps immediately, in a few days, or when Jesus comes.
12. The overall atmosphere of the meeting should be one of dignified praise.