

MY NAME IS

A **TRANSFORMATION CHURCH** SERIES

SERMON: *Yahweh Rapha – The Lord Who Heals*

SUMMARY:

When we read the Bible, we see God described with many different names. These names give us insight into His character. Specifically, God's names describe His redemptive action in human history. Each week of this series we will explore a different name of God as described in Scripture. This week we will focus on the name *Yahweh Rapha*, which translates to The Lord Who Heals.

The greatest ailment that plagues humanity is sin. Sin causes destruction and evil in our world. Jesus, however, came to this earth to heal us from the penalty of sin, the power of sin, the pain of sin done to us, and the presence of sin.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

The name *Yahweh Rapha* appears in Exodus 15:26. The context of God's revelation of His name *Yahweh Rapha* is an incident that took place early on in the wilderness wanderings of the Israelites. They had just left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea and were wandering the desert with no water. They came to a body of water but could not drink from it because the water was bitter. Soon their souls became bitter as well and they grumbled against God. Moses prayed to God and followed God's instructions to put a piece of wood in the water. Immediately, the Lord healed the waters so the Israelites could safely drink it. But God doesn't just heal water, He heals people.

Before diving into the conversation guide, take a moment to discuss your experience with healing. *In what ways have you received healing? In what ways are you still waiting for healing?*

Read Exodus 15:26.

What does God say about obedience?

When you think of the word "obedience," what comes to mind?

Why is obedience important?

How is God's healing of the bitter waters a foreshadowing of our own healing?

Read Ephesians 2:4-6.

What is the penalty of sin?

How does Jesus take on this penalty?

What do we receive as a result of Jesus taking the penalty of sin?

Read Titus 2:11-14.

How is the power of sin displayed in the world?

Who is salvation for? (Look at verse 11)

According to verse 13, when will the power of sin ultimately be defeated?

How does the knowledge that one day sin will be permanently vanquished bring you hope?

Read Romans 5:18-19.

Who is the man mentioned in verse 19 by which many were made sinners? (You can read more about that in Genesis 3)

Who is the one man mentioned in verse 19 by which many were made righteous? (You can read more about that in Romans 5:8-9).

Read Psalm 147:3.

What does God do with the broken-hearted?

In what ways have you experienced pain in this world? (Be sensitive to the stories shared in your group and remember to hold all stories in confidence.)

How does Jesus help us overcome the pain of sin done to us?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:53-58.

Who gives us the victory over sin?

How does verse 58 bring you comfort?

In what ways will you move forward in life knowing that the victory is ours in King Jesus?

End your time in prayer.