

HEALING LEAVES

Here is an idea we lifted from Sue Wallace's *Multi-Sensory Prayer* which we have developed a bit and used all over the place: as a framework for congregational prayer ministry, in ministers' fraternals as a devotional and in an emerging church situation on our bus. The deal is that we

1. Hand out a bunch of aromatic leaves. For us bay is ideal. We have a massive tree full of them—you can have some if you want. Get people to look at the leaves for a bit. Sue suggests a series of prompts.
2. We read out Ezekiel 47—maybe vv. 7-12.
3. People break the leaves to release the aroma.
4. We invite people who need prayer for healing to identify themselves.
5. Somewhere in the mix we read the first couple of verses of Revelation 22 and mention the idea of healing being a foretaste of the coming kingdom.
6. We do some group prayer for healing in the name of Jesus, encouraging people to give the leaves to the person seeking healing or place the leaves on them—whatever seems good.

The payoff is that it expands the prayer ministry paradigm showing that the current Charismatic liturgies can be shifted.