

# Together with Jesus

Week Five – Matthew 9 and 10  
Healings and Discipleship



# Warm Up

When have you been surprised by Christians or Christianity?



# Matthew 9:1-8

## Forgiving a Paralytic

Jesus returns home to Caesarea from His gentile excursion. While He is there, people bring a paralytic to Him. Surprisingly, Jesus' response is "your sins are forgiven". This causes the scribes to bristle with Jesus who makes a point of saying that His healing is simply proof of the greater healing of forgiveness.



**Question: Why are the scribes upset with Jesus?**



**Question: Jesus has done many surprising things. How do you think His other disciples respond to this?**

# Matthew 9:9-17

## Jesus Is Questioned

Jesus calls a surprising disciple, Matthew, a tax collector for Rome. Matthew follows immediately like Peter, Andrew, James, and John. After this, Jesus shares table fellowship with tax collectors and other “sinners,” and catches the attention of the Pharisees for it. Then John’s disciples question why Jesus’ disciples do not fast.



# Matthew 9:18-34

## Two Women Healed

Matthew records an interesting narrative of two women being healed within one narrative. The two women are very different in some ways, but there are similarities that bring their stories together.



**Question: How do you connect the daughter of the ruler with the woman with a hemorrhage?**



**Question: What do you think is the “harvest” that Jesus is talking about here?**

# Matthew 9:35-10:5

## Disciples

Matthew wraps up the end of the narrative with a collection of healings and teachings done by Jesus. As this gets wrapped up, Jesus tells His disciples to pray to the Lord of the Harvest. After this urge to prayer, we get Matthew’s listing of the apostles.

# Matthew 10:6-23

## Jesus' Instructions to His Disciples

Matthew brings us another discourse section from Jesus as He speaks to his disciples. He gives them instructions about how they are to go about being His disciples, but also what to expect as they go forth.



**Question: How do these instructions connect with us today?**





# Matthew 10:24-39

## Jesus Continues About Discipleship

Jesus continues His discourse about discipleship, including challenges and assurances.

**Question: What do you find personally challenging in what Jesus says here? Personally assuring?**



# Matthew 10:40-42

## Connection and Reward

Jesus finishes His discipleship discourse here, explaining how His disciples are connected to Him and to His Father (the one who sent Him).



**Question: What questions do you think were on the minds of the disciples after this discourse?**



# Wrap Up

What do you think it means to be a disciple of Jesus today?

Next week – Matthew 11 and 12