

King and Messiah Week 15

Read Matthew 9:1-34

What does chapter 9 teach us about Jesus? Try summarizing what you learn into one or two sentences.

How does the story of the paralytic point to our ultimate need?

Why were the scribes so offended by what Jesus said? What does this story boldly assert about Jesus?

How does Jesus' interaction with sinners (v. 9-13) challenge your own interactions with sinners?

How can your Bridge Group intentionally do something together to reach out to those who need Jesus?

Does Scripture support the idea that following Jesus is better than even the most enticing sin? If so, why do we struggle to experience that truth?

Read Romans 6

What is the relationship between sin and the disciple of Christ?

Why did Jesus' disciples no longer fast (Matthew 9:14-17)? Does the New Testament teach that followers of Christ should fast today?

(V. 18-26) Why would Jesus having authority over death give us hope?

The woman in verse 20 was so desperate for Jesus that she defied cultural expectations and reached out to touch him. What does that teach us about faith? Are there parts of your life you are hesitant to bring to Jesus?

How would you define mercy? Share an example of a time you've seen mercy given.

The blind and mute men were at the mercy of Jesus. In what way is everyone in the same position?

How has the book of Matthew challenged you to submit to Jesus' authority?

Other observations/questions/reflections on the text: