

Lesson #10- Matthew Chapter 9 Questions for Discussion:

1. This chapter begins with Jesus returning to Capernaum. We immediately find Him presented with a very sick man.
 - a. Jesus sees “their” faith but heals one man. Who are “they” and why do you think this is important to the story?
 - b. Jesus’ initial words did not address what the crowd expected, particularly the religious folks in the group. As a matter of fact, some of the scribes were quite indignant with what Jesus said. What were these scribes offended by and why should the sick man have been so cheered by these same words?

2. In verse 9 Jesus calls Matthew (also known as Levi) with two words, “Follow me”. Jesus’ association with Matthew and his buddies that follows disturbs the Pharisees, who then challenge Jesus’ disciples. Discuss how Jesus responded to their complaints and what Jesus meant by His remarks.

3. The disciples of John had a question and Jesus answers it in verses 14-17. What is your understanding of what Jesus said in this passage?

4. Verses 18-31 are three stories of Jesus healing people with various problems. The problems are vastly different, but when it comes to the cure, do you see something they all have in common? What is it and where does it come from?

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