

Chapter 8

1. According to the leper's words and actions, what did he believe about Jesus? What was Jesus' response?
2. According to the centurion's words and actions, what did he believe about Jesus?
3. In vs. 10-12, who are "the subjects of the kingdom?"
4. **Personal Sharing:** What role do you think faith plays in healing?
5. In the case of the leper and Peter's mother-in-law, how did Jesus heal them? In the case of the centurion's servant and the demon-possessed in vs. 16, how did Jesus heal them?
6. Write your own paraphrase of Isaiah 53:4-5, and make it personal.
7. According to Jesus' responses in vs. 20 and 22, what is the cost of following Jesus?
8. Jesus says to his disciples, "You of little faith," several times in Matthew. What does Jesus say about even a little bit of faith in Matt. 17:20-21?
9. Looking back over chapter 8, list the things over which Jesus has demonstrated his Lordship.

Chapter 9

10. Jesus' most common title for himself is "Son of Man." How does Daniel 7:13-14 describe the Son of Man?
11. **Personal Sharing:** Which do *you* think is easier: to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up and walk"?
12. Fill in the blanks from verse 8: "they praised God, who had _____."
Whom do you think is included in that plural word "men"?
13. In vs. 13, Jesus tells the Pharisees to learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." What do you think it means and why did Jesus quote it here?
14. How would you explain what Jesus says in vs. 16 and 17 to someone who didn't understand?
15. What did both the ruler (v. 16) and the bleeding woman (v. 20) know for certain about Jesus?
16. There doesn't seem to be a consistent formula in Jesus' healings. What's different about the healing of the woman who had been bleeding?
17. Why do you suppose Jesus wanted these healings to be kept a secret?
18. **Personal Sharing:** What is the "good news of the kingdom," and why is it so closely tied to healing?

Sermon Notes

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