



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 9:18–34” on September 6th

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 9:9-17 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 9:18-34

Matthew uses four stories of transformation to describe Jesus’ compassion, His approachability, His moving outside cultural norms, and His authority over all things in situations where people desperately sought His help. There is much to learn about faith, seeking Him in our desperation, and transformation as we study these stories.

In his sermon, Matt gave these descriptions of Jesus: Jesus notices the unnoticeable....He touches the untouchable.... He repairs the unrepairable, taking what is broken inside and making it whole. In moments of desperation, we have an approachable Savior!

- Can you describe your greatest time of desperation, whether it is right now or in the past? Do/did you trust Jesus enough to approach Him with it? Do/did you believe Jesus could handle your desperation and trust Him with it? What would you do differently if you experienced a similar situation in the future?
- Who in your ‘circle of influence’ IS that unnoticed/untouchable/broken person in a desperate situation?
- Using Jesus’ compassion as an example, how could you see or touch that person’s brokenness by letting Jesus’ compassion flow through you?
- Do you find you tend to put individuals or people groups in ‘untouchable boxes’ to be off-limits for you?
- How does this passage convict you to change your perception?
- Jesus encouraged the bleeding woman by saying, “Take heart, daughter..” Who could use your encouragement right now in their struggling situation? How could you point them to these Scriptures and to seeking Jesus?

Twice in this passage Jesus credits the faith of the desperate persons – the bleeding woman and the blind men – as essential in their being healed. In speaking of their faith, Matt made these statements: Faith in Jesus is as much about what we know or believe about Him as it is about what we DO with what we believe about Him.....If I believe something to be true, it will impact everything I do.

- What are you doing with what you know and believe about Jesus? How does what you know and believe impact how you live your life each day?

RESPOND

The blind men with unseeing eyes ‘saw’ that Jesus was the Son of David, but the Pharisees, the religious leaders, were spiritually blind -unwilling to see Jesus for who He was – the very Messiah they had been waiting for!

- How willing are you to see Him, approach Him, and allow Him to change your life, because of who He is? What will that look like in your life?

We often put our trust in things that bring us no hope; only Jesus can offer us true hope – resurrection and eternal life.

- In what things are placing your trust right now? How does this passage encourage you to trust Him more?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?



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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

Mark 5:21-43 is Mark's gospel account of Jesus encounter with the bleeding woman and Jairus' daughter. Psalm 24 as a great reminder of God and who he is.