



**Sermon Discussion Questions - June 5 & 7, 2026**  
**Matthew Part 3: Week 5**  
**Matthew 9:1-8**

**Ice Breaker:** *Four determined friends stopped at nothing to bring their needy friend to Jesus!*

- **Q1: Have you ever had someone help you get somewhere or do something you couldn't have done on your own? What happened?**

*Read Matthew 9:1-8 together. In this story, the paralyzed man is brought to Jesus and experiences healing through the help and faith of his friends.*

- **Q2: Who are the people in your life who have “carried” you toward Jesus during hard seasons?**
- **Q3: How easy or difficult is it for you to accept help from your spiritual community in times of need? Why?**
- **Q4: Is there someone in your life right now who might need you to take the first step—through prayer, a conversation, encouragement, or practical help—to point them toward Jesus?**

*The friends play an important role in this story, but they aren't the center of it—they don't have the power to heal or save.*

- **Q5: Where do you find yourself relying more on your own effort, support systems, or “doing enough,” instead of fully trusting in Christ?**

*Jesus addresses the man’s deeper need first (“your sins are forgiven”) before dealing with his physical problem.*

- **Q6: Are there areas in your life where you tend to focus more on visible problems—like stress, health, finances, or relationships—than your deeper spiritual needs? How so?**

*The religious leaders in the passage struggle to recognize Jesus’s authority.*

- **Q7: Are there areas in your life where you find yourself doubting Jesus’s authority or goodness?**

*Unlike the religious leaders, the crowd responds with awe after seeing what Jesus does.*

- **Q8: What tends to dull your sense of awe or wonder toward Jesus?**
- **Q9: What helps restore that sense of awe for you?**

*Jesus is our Healer—yesterday, today, and forever!*

- **Q10: As you reflect on this passage, what do you sense Jesus might be inviting you to trust Him with right now?**

*Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!*