

A King for People (Matthew 8:1-17; 9:1-8, 18-35)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, which food do most people like but you absolutely hate?

DISCUSS

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

What most stands out to you from the passage of Scripture? What confuses you?

Compare and Contrast the different healing stories. What do these stories have in common? Where are they different? Why is it important to see that Jesus is the One who does the healing?

When it comes to the topic of healing, what is your emotional reaction? What are some wrong ways to approach this topic?

Why is it important for us to recognize that Jesus is primarily healing outcasts and the marginalized in these passages?

How would you define faith? What role does faith play in these healings? If someone came to you and said, "I have faith in Jesus but He still isn't healing me," how would you respond? *[Jesus chooses to heal alongside of faith, but He does not have to heal.]* What are some reasons that Jesus might choose not to heal someone? *[The short answer is that we do not know why Jesus heals some and does not heal others. His plans are bigger than our plans and His perspective is bigger than our perspective. But, because Jesus suffered on the cross for us, we can know that Jesus cares for us and loves us even when we are faced with unexplained or unexplainable suffering.]*

"Jesus heals people physically to prove to us that He can heal us spiritually." Why is this an important point for us to consider when we think about this topic? *[The role that the physical healing play in the Gospel of Matthew is not to simply "wow" us. The goal of Jesus ministry is not to just prove that He can physically heal people. The point of the healing is to show us that, if He can heal people physically, we can trust that He can and will heal people spiritually in salvation.]*

Watch the Matt Chandler video again: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v51BqqGjSNQ> What are strikes you from this video? Which of the two camps that Chandler describes do you find yourself most easily living in?

Spend some time praying for one another.

RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)

Have everyone share one person that they would like to invite to church or Life Group this week. Pray for those invitations.