

## Discussion Questions for Matthew 8 – 9

Introduction: Matthew chapters 5-7, we read about the “words” of Jesus. We call this the “Sermon on the Mount”. In Matthew chapters 8-9 we see the “works” of Jesus in the streets and villages of Israel.

1. In what ways do the miracles in chapters 8 & 9, relate to the message that Jesus preached in chapters 5-7?

Compare how the works (miracles) done by the Apostles support and authenticate the Words of the Apostles: (Acts 4:33 / 5:12 / Romans 15:19 / II Corinthians 12:12)

In what way do our “works” (helping people, listening, encouraging, serving) provide “proof” of our faith today? (compare: Matthew 5:14-16 and Titus 3:1, 8, 14)

2. Assign each person in your group to read and report on one of the miracles recorded in

Matthew 8 & 9. What are some ways that these miracles similar and in what ways are they different.

Why do you think Matthew includes so many different ones?

How can these miracles give hope and encouragement to people you know that are going through difficult times?

3. Jesus used His eyes, ears, hands, words and time to see and help people in need. What are some ways that you can do the same this week? Be specific:
4. Share an example of someone you know who may be going through a difficult time.

What will you do this week to use your eyes, ears, hands, words, or time to encourage them?

5. Why do you think Matthew concludes these two chapters with verses 9:35-38?

How do these verses relate to you today?

During your prayer time make sure that you include the prayer in these verses and be willing to ask the Lord if He wants to send you! (Isaiah 6:1-6 / Acts 13:1-5)