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The Gospel of Matthew Part 1

WEEK 10 - JESUS HEALS THE BLIND AND MUTE OVERVIEW

There are many stories of Jesus' healing scattered throughout the gospel of Matthew. In this message, we will look at two of them. We will explore the interaction of Jesus' power and the faith of those seeking healing. We will also consider how these miracles demonstrate more than Jesus' healing touch; they reveal his authority to fulfill the promises of the Hebrew Bible and to defeat the powers of this world.

Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen."

Then their eyes were opened, and they could see!

Matthew 9:29-30

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why could Jesus' healing of people with disabilities be discomfoting?
2. How do Jesus' healing miracles follow Matthew's theme of fulfillment? ([Isaiah 35:5-6](#), [Matthew 11:4-5](#))
3. What are the similarities and differences between how people with disabilities are viewed today, versus how they were viewed in the ancient world? (see [John 9:2-3](#))
4. Read [Matthew 9:27-34](#).
 - a. What does Jesus call out in the men?
 - b. Why do you think Matthew points out that the men "*went right into the house*" in verse 28?
 - c. Discuss the duplicity Matthew sets up in this story. (see also [Matthew 15:14](#), [23:16-19](#), [24](#), [26](#))
 - d. How does this story fit into the "kingdom manifesto" theme of Matthew?
5. Barry asked us to consider three things we can take away from this story to shape our own faith.
 - a. Remember those the world has forgotten. Who are the forgotten of your world? What does it look like for you to remember them the way that Jesus did? With compassion, with humanity, with proximity, with love...
 - b. Reject the values of our broken world. Are there any values of our broken world he is inviting you to reject right now?
 - c. Receive the mercy of our savior. Do you believe he can take away your shame?

RESOURCES

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