

“A King with Great Authority”

Matthew 9:1-34

Basic Outline of Matthew 8-9

- Three Sections of Three Miracle Stories (8:1-17; 8:23-9:8; 9:18-34)
- Two Sections of Two Lessons on Discipleship (8:18-22; 9:9-17)

Sermon Theme. . .

Jesus has **authority** over everything and He deserves the **allegiance** of everyone.

Examples of Jesus’ Authority in Matthew 8. . .

Jesus has authority over sickness, nature, and demons.

Examples of Jesus’ Authority in Matthew 9. . .

- Jesus has authority over **sin**.
- Jesus has authority over **death**.
- Jesus has authority over **disability**.
- Jesus has authority over the **devil**.

Responding to Jesus’ Authority. . .

- We **forsake** all to follow him.
- We **celebrate** his use of authority to call sinners.
- We **crave** for his authority to be completely exercised in the world.

Community Group Discussion
For the Week of November 4, 2018

1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. Why is a correct understanding of Jesus' authority essential to strong confidence (faith) in Him?
3. How does realizing that our greatest need is never physical healing but spiritual healing change the way you pray for sick friends? The way you share the gospel? The way you help those in need?
4. Does the way you relate to "sinners" need to change in any way to align with the way Jesus related to sinners?
5. Why did Jesus' disciples not fast when He was with them? Why do we fast now? Is there a way you can fast and pray more intentionally?
6. Are there any areas in your life in which you have been reluctant to reach out to Christ? If so, how does the tender way Jesus valued the sick woman offer you hope during despair?