

Marvelous Forgiveness  
Matthew 9:1-8

Review:

1. Forgiveness of sins is much more important than physical healing
2. Forgiveness of sins can only be accomplished by God, the Lawgiver and the injured party
3. Jesus takes the initiative to forgive our sins, simply calling us to trust Him to do that
4. Jesus proved His power and love to save and forgive by His death and resurrection

Go further: Read Ephesians 1:15-2:10

1. What two things does Paul say he has heard about the Ephesians in 1:15?
2. In what two ways does Paul respond to this news in 1:16?
3. What does Paul pray God will do for the Ephesians in 1:17?
4. What does Paul pray the Ephesians will understand in 1:18?
5. How does Paul say God demonstrated His power in 1:19 and 20?
6. With whom does Paul compare Christ's power in 1:21?
7. How does Paul describe Christ's authority in 1:22? Who gave Him this authority?
8. How does Paul describe the Church in 1:23?
9. What does Paul say Christ did for the Ephesians in 2:1? How does Paul describe their condition before this took place?
10. According to 2:2, how does Paul say that those who are dead in their sins walk? To whom are they obedient?
11. In 2:3, what does Paul say that all Christians used to do?
12. What do you think it means to be "children of wrath?" To whom does this description apply?
13. What reasons does Paul give for God's grace in 2:4?
14. What does Paul say God has done for us in 2:5? What was our condition before this happened?
15. What two things does Paul say God has done for us in 2:6?
16. According to 2:7, what is the reason God has raised His people from the dead?
17. According to 2:8, how have we been saved? What does Paul say is the source of our faith and salvation?
18. Why does 2:9 say that we have no reason to boast?
19. For what reason does 2:10 say we were created?

Apply:

1. Before you came to Christ, in what ways did you "walk according to the course of this world?" Why did you find those ways of living so attractive?
2. In 1:23, Paul says that the Church is the body of Christ, and in 2:6, Paul says we are already seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. What do these two truths mean to you? How should this understanding affect the way you think about the joys and troubles of this life?
3. Given what Paul has said in this passage, why does it make no sense for anyone to boast about his or her faith in Christ?
4. After we have been saved, Paul says God calls us to do good works (2:10). Given your talents and interests, what sorts of things do you believe God is calling you to do?