

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for March 16, 2025
That's a Great Question: Do you believe I am
able to do this?

That's a Great
QUESTION

Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week

● CONNECT

- o The people Jesus encounters in Matthew 9 come to Him with various needs—physical, spiritual, and social. What are some common human needs today that people look for Jesus to meet?

● GROW

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

“Yes, Lord,” they replied.

29 Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; 30 and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this.” 31 But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

Matthew 9:27-31

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o (Read Matthew 9:1-8) What does Jesus’ response to the paralyzed man tell us about the relationship between physical and spiritual healing? How do the religious leaders react to Jesus forgiving sins? Why do you think they were upset?
- o (Read Matthew 9:9-13) Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, to follow Him. What does this tell us about the type of people Jesus welcomes?
- o In verse 13, Jesus says, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” How does this challenge religious attitudes today?
- o (Read Matthew 9:14-17) What does Jesus mean when He talks about old and new wineskins?
- o How does this passage relate to His mission and the way He calls people to follow Him?
- o (Read Matthew 9:18-26) How does the faith of Jairus and the woman who touched Jesus’ garment shape the way we understand what it means to trust in Jesus?
- o Why do you think Jesus calls attention to the woman’s faith before healing her?
- o (Now go back to Matthew 9:27-31) The blind men cry out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” What does this reveal about their understanding of Jesus?
- o Jesus asks, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” Why is this question significant?

- o After being healed, they spread the news despite Jesus' warning. Why do you think Jesus told them to keep quiet?
- o (Continue Reading Matthew 9:32-38) How do the religious leaders explain Jesus' power in verse 34? What does this reveal about their hearts?
- o Jesus describes people as "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." How does this image help us understand His actions in the earlier verses of this chapter?
- o In verse 37, Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." How does this statement challenge us as disciples today?
- o Throughout Matthew 9, Jesus meets people in their needs. How do these encounters encourage you in your own faith journey?
- o The chapter highlights different responses to Jesus—faith, skepticism, amazement, opposition. Which response do you most identify with right now?
- o In what ways is Jesus calling you to take a step of faith, whether in trusting Him for healing, following His call, or sharing His message with others?

- **SERVE** *others*

- This week, take time to reflect on God's mercy and healing power as displayed in Matthew 9. Ask for eyes to see where He is at work in your life and pray for workers to be sent into the harvest, including yourself!

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**