

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Matthew 9:14-34

Getting Started

Write down a brief definition of faith.

Digging In

1. **Read Matthew 9:14-17.** Why were the disciples of John the Baptist confused about Jesus' behavior?
2. How did Jesus answer them? Who is the bridegroom?
3. What did Jesus mean about the bridegroom being taken away?
4. **Read Matthew 9:18-26.** Who is this ruler? (Cf. Mark 5:22)
5. How does the synagogues ruler demonstrate faith in Jesus?
6. What happened to Jesus on the way to Jairus' house?
7. What was the woman's problem? (Cf. Mark 5:25-26 for details)
8. How did the woman demonstrate faith in Jesus?
9. Why did the crowd laugh at Jesus when he finally arrived at Jairus' house?
10. **Read Matthew 9:27-31.** How did the blind men address Jesus?
11. Why do you think Jesus asked them if they believed he could heal them?
12. What role did faith have in the healing of the blind men, and in the healing of the woman who had been subject to bleeding?
13. **Read Matthew 9:32-34.** What did Jesus do for the man who couldn't talk?
14. What did the Pharisees conclude about Jesus' power & authority?
What does Matthew want his readers to conclude?



Getting Personal

- How are Christ's power and authority seen in this passage?
- With whom do you identify in this passage? Why?
- Is there an area of your life in which you need healing – physical, emotional, relational?
- How is God asking you to trust him?