

## **Matthew 9:18-26 Girl restored/Woman healed Divine Healing**

### **Transition:**

The three years of Jesus' ministry seem to be jam-packed with teaching, healing and casting out demons. There are so many stories in the gospels that we may skim over the miraculous or just grow numb to them over time. But like last week, when we talked about demons and spiritual warfare still being a real and relevant thing, so is healing. Jesus healed so many people in so many ways, and he still does today! Do you believe that?

### **Tell the story:**

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

### **Rebuild the story:**

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why would a ruler be willing to kneel before Jesus? What would you do if there was a chance your child could be healed?
2. What would you do if you actually had Jesus on the way to your house for healing and someone interrupted?
3. How does Jesus' method of healing in this story compare to other healings you've read about so far?

### **Fundamental:**

Divine healing – Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. (Isa 53:4-5; Matt 8:16-17; Jam 5:14-16). It should be noted that instead of demanding healing from Jesus, the New Testament records that people came asking for His compassionate ministry. They did not look on healing as their right, but as a gracious privilege extended to them.

1. Does God still perform miracles and divine healing today?
2. What is the proper way to view modern medicine and doctors in light of divine healing? What about mental health?

### **Homework/Challenge:**

1. If there are areas of your life where you have always relied on medicine/doctors and have never sought out the Lord's healing, spend an hour in worship and prayer – Ask the Lord in faith to heal you.
2. Please read Matthew 10 in preparation for next week.

### **Discipleship Tip:**

If anyone in your group is sick, do what the Bible says – lay hands, anoint with oil, and pray!

### **Prayer:**

Pray that the Lord increase our faith! May we hear more stories of miracles in our small groups and in our church!