

Matthew 9: Only Jesus Can Meet Our Greatest Need!

Big Idea: Only Jesus can meet our greatest need – forgiveness and spiritual restoration.

Aim: Trust Jesus and point others to Him.

1. Jesus Sees Our Deepest Need (Matt 9:1–17)

A. Jesus Forgives Before He Heals (v1–8): More than healing – we need forgiveness.

B. Jesus Calls the Outcasts (v9–13): Jesus calls us as we are.

C. Jesus Brings Something Entirely New (v14–17): He brings in a whole new way of life.

Principle 1: Jesus came to heal the heart, not just treat symptoms.

2. Jesus Has Authority Over Everything (Matt 9:18–34)

- People came in desperate faith. (v18-19 & 23-26, v20-22, 27-30, 31-34)
- Jesus responded because they believed *who He is*. (v18b, 22, 28, 32)

Principle 2: True faith responds to who Jesus is, not just what He can do for us.

3. Jesus Calls Us Into His Mission (Matt 9:35–38)

- He sees the crowd with compassion. (v36)
- The harvest is ready – will you be that worker? (v37-38)

Principle 3: When we see people through Jesus' eyes, we are moved to act with His heart.

Implication Questions:

- Do you let Jesus deal with your sin?
- Are you avoiding Jesus to make a deeper change in your heart?
- Will you help point others to Jesus?