

Life Group Discussion Guide

HERO POWER

Matthew 8:14-17, 9:1-8

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INTRODUCTION

The meaning of Jesus' healing of physical and mental infirmities was much deeper to Jesus than we often consider.

Matthew 9:35-36 ESV says "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Jesus had mercy on those who needed every form of healing and required only that they have faith in Him. He offers the same healing to us today.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Like Stuart, have you ever met a "hero" only to find they weren't as magical when you met them in person? Tell the group about it.
2. Matthew was a Jewish tax collector who collected taxes for the Romans. The way he made a salary was by adding to what the Romans demanded. So if Rome demanded 6%, then Matthew might charge 6.5%. Who in our society would be similar to Matthew? How do you feel about them?

EVALUATE IT

1. Stuart explained that Jesus healed ALL the sick in Matthew 8:16. What does it reveal about Jesus that He healed everyone regardless of who they were at that moment or who they would become afterward?
2. Tim Keller wrote, "God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything he knows." What is Tim seeking to communicate by this statement?
3. Why do people believe sickness is a result of sin? Why does Jesus forgive the "man on the mat" before healing his legs?
4. Why were the religious teachers more concerned with blasphemy instead of rejoicing and praising God that this man who was once carried to Jesus walked away on his own legs? How do "religious" people get to a place like that mentally?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Jesus really does forgive sin. Do you ever struggle with believing and living like a forgiven person? Explain.
2. Stuart said, "Clearly he didn't have to touch her hand, and risk getting what she had, but he did. His compassion was real and sincere." Who in your life is in need of compassion? How can you reflect the compassion of Jesus?



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