

THE KING'S POWER

MATTHEW 8:1-17

If God is the Creator of the entire universe, then it must follow that He is the Lord of the whole universe. No part of the world is outside of His lordship. That means that no part of my life must be outside of His lordship.

-R.C. Sproul

I. Restored to Wholeness

II. Restored to Citizenship

III. Restored to Service

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. What situations challenge your faith the most?

Into the Bible

2. Chapter 7 ends by emphasizing Christ's ability to speak with authority. Matthew continues that by seemingly indicating that this was the reason for large multitudes following Him. Matthew then chooses three incidents to emphasize Christ's authority in a different sense. What do these healings say about Christ? Read Luke 5:17-26. How does Christ relate this to His ultimate aim in ministry?

3. Knowing how much the Jews hated the Romans and how much the Romans despised the Jews they ruled over, the exchange between Christ and the centurion was extraordinary. Beyond Christ's willingness to enter the house of a Gentile, what really scandalized His Jewish audience? (John 10:16, Matthew 28:16-20.)

Application

4. Some today argue that God wants us all to be well, so sickness is thus sin or a lack of faith on our part. How does the leper's approach to Christ differ from this? What does James 4:13-15 advise us to adopt what approach to getting our desires met? What is Christ's consistent example? (Luke 22:42.)

For Families

5. Talk with your children about how we should pray for physical healing of someone we love.