

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Matthew 9

1. In this chapter Jesus visits his hometown. What significant event does Matthew describe in vs. 1-8? Who approaches Jesus as the chapter begins and whose faith does Jesus look to when he heals the paralytic?
2. At the end of v. 8 we see that before Jesus heals the paralytic's legs, he forgives the man's sins. Why is this blasphemous to the Pharisees? What awes the crowd?
3. After Jesus heals the paralytic, he chooses Matthew, a tax collector, to be a disciple. At this time, Jewish people considered tax collectors to be sinners on the level with prostitutes. In vs. 12-13, how does Jesus respond to the Pharisees' questioning him about associating with sinners? Do you see any connection between his healing the paralytic and his calling Matthew to ministry?
4. In vs. 18-26, two people come to Jesus in faith. While the woman believes that she can be healed by touching Jesus, the ruler asks Christ to go with him to heal his daughter. In the parallel verses of Mark 5:21-43 Jesus tells the ruler, "Do not fear, only believe." Where in your life is Jesus calling you to have this same faith: to not fear, but believe?
5. After reading vs. 35-38, describe Jesus's threefold ministry. Why was Jesus moved with compassion by the people? What is Jesus's admonition to the disciples in vs. 37-38 and how does this apply to you today?