



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of November 13, 2022*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text: Matthew 9:1-8**

***1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. 2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." 3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." 7 And he rose and went home. 8 When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.***

### **Discussion Questions**

1. In what ways has the greatness of Christ been revealed to you? How is the greatness of Christ tied to our worship?
2. The scribes said Jesus was blaspheming when He forgave the paralytic's sins. Why do statements such as this reveal evil in one's heart?
3. Jesus forgives the paralytic's sins and encourages him to "take heart". If you were the paralytic man, would you be encouraged at this point, knowing that you were still unable to walk but that your sins were forgiven? Why or why not?
4. If you saw Jesus heal the paralyzed man, would that prove to you He also has the authority to forgive sins? Why or why not.
5. Why do you think the crowds were both afraid and at the same time, glorifying God? Does the forgiveness of God still move you? If so, how so?