

WONDER WORKING POWER

Questions for Application for the Week of October 12, 2014

Part 1 - Jesus & the Leper - Matthew 8:1-4

1. Jesus performed many healings and miracles throughout his ministry. Read through Matthew 8 & 9 to see nine of these miracles. What is the purpose of these miracles? What do they teach us about Jesus? How do they substantiate Jesus' claims to be the Messiah?

2. In what ways were the crowd and leper the same? Different? Is there one that you identify more with in your life right now? Has it always been that way? If fitting, share a brief testimony of how you have changed.

3. What were some observations about the way the leper approached Jesus? In what ways is it difficult for you to act in the same way?

4. Jesus stopped and healed this leper in a large crowd. Surely the leper thought there was a chance that Jesus would pass him by. Have you ever felt like Jesus would overlook you in your hardship? What other Scripture gives you assurance of God's working in hardship?

5. This passage tells of a physical healing. The incurable disease of leprosy was often used as a tangible symbolism of sin in the Bible. With that in mind this can also a beautiful picture of the spiritual healing of Jesus. How does this miracle inform our understanding of the Gospel of Jesus?

Possible topics for Breakout:

- As we begin this series on the power of Jesus, are there any areas in your life that especially need the power of God to be at work?
- Take the opportunity for a few people to share how Jesus has spiritually healed them.
- A few weeks ago we were challenge to pray big. How has your prayer been going? Have you seen God move in any way?