

**February 6 - Week 5 – Questions to Consider**  
Matthew 7 ~ Matthew 8 ~ Luke 7 ~ Luke 8 ~ Matthew 11

**Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:**  
What is your favorite winter childhood memory?

1. What does it mean to “judge” someone? (Matthew 7:1) What does it sound like? How is it received? How is that different than a loving “rebuke” which is so often recommended and commanded (Proverbs 17:10, 27:5; Luke 17:3; 1 Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2)?
2. Why does Jesus warn about hypocrisy and self-evaluation before helping others? (Matthew 7:1-5)
3. Of the many short statements of Jesus in Matthew 7, which one stands out to you or helps you the most?
4. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Do you agree that this might be one of the scariest passages in the Bible? Why or why not?
5. We see so many healings in Matthew 8. How does it make you feel that we don’t see as many miraculous healings today? When and where do we find our ultimate healing?
6. Look at Jesus’ power over the demonic in Matthew 8:16, 28-34 & Luke 8:26-39. Why do we need this reminder even today?
7. What do you think was going through the disciples’ minds seeing all of these miracles of Jesus? (Luke 7:16-17) Why were they so eager to tell everyone? When do we lose our excitement for evangelism and missions? How can we gain it back?
8. What do you think Luke 7:47 means? What is key to growing in our love for God and others?
9. Do you like Jesus’ parables or find them difficult? How is the parable of the sower (Luke 8:1-15) helpful in evaluating and testing the genuineness of one’s salvation (2 Corinthians 13:5)?
10. Read Matthew 11:28-29. How could you use this as a reminder and a prayer in the week ahead?

**General Discussion Questions**

11. What can you learn about God from these passages? His work? His character? How can this help you grow in your trust of Him?
12. Application Questions: How do you need to respond to and apply these truths to your life? (Is there a sin to avoid? A command to obey? An example to follow? A prayer to offer? A truth to remember or memorize? An attitude to change? A teaching to share?)

**Women of Faith**  
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- **He comes to you -> *seek Him daily!***
- **He allows you in His presence -> *follow Him***
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**This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:**

Week 6: Matthew 9, 12, & 13, Mark 4 & 5

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