

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 35

Matthew 7 - 20 | Psalm 84 - 90

- 1. In Matthew 7:24 what "rock" does the wise man build his house on? What are some of the "sands" we can be tempted to make as the foundation of our lives?**
- 2. Matthew 8:5-13 How does the Roman Centurion acknowledge the authority of Jesus and how does Jesus respond to the depth of his faith?**
- 3. In Matthew 8:28-34 Jesus casts out demons with one word into a herd of pigs. How do the people in the area react in verse 34?**
- 4. What do the Pharisees ask the disciples in Matthew 9:11? Jesus responded that He came to minister to sinners. Is our primary focus on ministering to the "righteous"? How can we balance both caring well for each other with reaching out to those lost in sin?**
- 5. What instructions are given to the disciples in Matthew 10:5-15? What encouragement does Jesus give to them in 10:18-20 as they face coming persecution?**
- 6. Read the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:3-9 followed by the explanation of the parable in 13:18-23. How can we better care for the soil of our hearts so that the seeds of the Gospel planted in us bear much good fruit?**
- 7. Matthew 18 gives God's model for conflict resolution as well as the parable of the unforgiving servant. How does the model for restoration, coupled with acknowledging the debt we have been forgiven of, equip us to extend mercy, compassion, and genuine forgiveness to those who sin against us?**

Prayer Prompt:

Spend time this week searching your heart for rocks and weeds that are getting in the way of your growth in Christ. Sit and acknowledge the vastness of the debt you have been forgiven of, and pray that the hard-won forgiveness you have experienced in Christ will extend into your relationships.