

# The Hope of Easter!

Small Group Discovery Bible Study – Guelph Bible Chapel

## Week 1 – Confessing Jesus’ Authority over Sickness and Death

Jesus’ Power is Unaffected by Social Distancing - Matthew 9:18-26

We’re so glad you’ve chosen to grow in your faith through this time in God’s Word!

This study is designed to be enjoyed with your family or a small group of friends. However, if that’s not accessible to you, due current circumstances, we invite you to work through the material on your own. Be sure to share some of your thoughts either on the GBC Facebook page, or over a phone conversation with another member of the GBC family. Learning together enriches our own lives and the lives of those who receive our input.

Choose someone who will read through the questions in order, inviting contribution from everyone. Feel free to share – but also be sure that the quieter members of the group are given opportunity to share! 😊

Consider the truths of today’s theme in light of Pastor Chris’ current series, “The Hope of Easter.” Also consider how it relates to the current situation in our world. Remember: it’s NOT a coincidence that Guelph Bible Chapel is engaged in 100 Days of Prayer at precisely this time! We invite you to allow the study of God’s word, in fellowship with others, to strengthen you and bring you joy-filled hope!

### Discussion Questions/Process

1. What are you thankful for?
2. What are you struggling with / stressed by? How about your family, friends, and neighbors?

Stop to pray for any concerns that have been expressed, and to pray for God’s guidance in today’s study.

3. Is there something this group can do to help one of these needs?

READ Matthew 9:18-26 out loud twice.

RE-TELL Matthew 9:18-26 in your own words – have **each person** in the group re-tell the story, inviting the group help them as they tell it. **(Do not skip)**

4. What does this passage teach us about God?
5. What does this teach us about ourselves / humans?
6. What do you need to apply / obey? Make an “I will” statement that you’ll obey this week that applies to the story.
7. Who are you going to tell? (The story or something you learned from it)

Pray about what you’ve learned through the reading and discussion. In sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, allow the scripture passage to guide your prayer.

NOTE: are there any items to follow up on from question #2? Remember to pray for each other through the week 😊