



Coastside Community Church
Sermon Questions
**“Making Insiders Out of
Outsiders”**
Matthew 9:1-17

1. From the story of the paralytic (vv. 1-8), what did Jesus do in order to prove that He had the power and authority to forgive sin? How did this help to prove His point?
2. What are some practical ways that you can lovingly help people to understand that Jesus has the power and authority to meet their deepest need, the forgiveness of their sins?
3. In light of the story of the banquet at Matthew’s house (vv. 9-13), in what ways have you seen the Christian community, or even yourself, keep certain kinds of people at an arm’s length. What do you believe the reasons were for doing so?
4. What are some practical ways you and the church can improve in being friends with “sinners?”
5. In the story of John’s disciples (vv. 14-17), what reason did Jesus give for His disciples not needing to fast?
6. What might need to change in your life in order for you to live in a way that celebrates the kingdom of God?