

## **Sovereign Grace Church**

### ***“A Day in the Life” outline***

**May 5, 2019**

#### **Matthew 9: 18-34**

*How do you handle unplanned interruptions? Do you regard them as irritating inconveniences to be circumvented as quickly as possible? Do you regard them as normal, though unplanned, parts of your day or as threats to your day? Most of Jesus' ministry was carried out on-the-go. He did not plan to heal these people or to deliver this person from bondage to Satan and it appears that at times these unplanned events took a serious toll on his time and energy. Yet He never seemed to treat them as any less important than those activities that He had planned to pursue. Sometimes He even allowed these critical occasions to interfere with what He had planned to do.*

*This morning we will look at three unplanned opportunities of ministry that occurred in a day in the life of Jesus. We will consider what can be learned from the events themselves as well as what we can learn from how Jesus incorporated unplanned opportunities into His day.*

#### **1. Two Females Healed vv. 18-26**

- **The older woman w/ a 12 year old chronic medical condition**  
**Ac. 19: 11-12**
  
- **The recently deceased 12 year old girl.**  
**I Cor. 15: 26; Matt. 10: 28; Jn 8: 51; 11: 26; Matt 5: 40; Prov. 15:1; Rom. 12: 21**

#### **2. Two Blind Men Receive Sight vv. 27-31**

#### **3. A Demonized Mute Man Restored vv. 32-34**

## Questions for Reflection/Conversation

- 1. Do you think God still does miracles? Do you think He still directly heals people without medical intervention? Do you think there are still people who have been affected by demons? Do you believe God can heal and deliver from demonic bondage? What is the difference between believing that God can heal and believing that God will heal? How do we know when God will heal? Must we know that He will heal in a particular case before we can pray for healing?**
- 2. If you prayed for a dead person to be restored to life and it happened....how do you think it would affect you? Do you think your life would be different? Do you think other people might look at you differently? Do you think that a reason that these miracles do not seem so prevalent in our day and locale may be because we are not ready to handle the consequences? What does our acquired naturalistic world view have to do with our expectations of miracles?**
- 3. Do you ever get “interrupted” during the course of your day? How do you handle those interruptions (flat tires; need for impromptu advice; sick kids; verbal abuse; accidents etc). What is your response when a stranger asks you for money? What is your response when a neighbor yells at you for playing your music too loudly at night? What would Jesus' response be if Jesus were you?**