



**Marked by the Cross- Restoration**  
**March 22 & 23**

**“He touched their eyes ... and their sight was restored.”**  
**The Gospel of Matthew**

**Personal/Small Group- Share which verse is your favorite and why.**

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free spirit.  
 Psalm 51: 12

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.  
 Galatians 6: 1

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.  
 2 Corinthians 13:11

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
 Psalm 23: 3

I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.  
 Amos 9: 14

**Large Group Teaching— Gracious Authority on Display**

- Read Matthew 7: 28-29 and identify the people’s response to Jesus’ teachings. “He taught as one who had \_\_\_\_\_, and not as their teachers of the law.”
- Matthew, chapters 4-18, Jesus’ ministry in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Matthew, chapters 8-9, includes \_\_\_\_\_ (depending how you count them) miracles demonstrating Jesus’ gracious authority.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ serve as the inauguration of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, here to \_\_\_\_\_ the reign of Satan

**Large Group Teaching—Who are the Blind Ones?**

- Read Matthew 9: 27. What is Matthew subtly revealing? (Hint- see Matthew 1:1, 18-25; 9: 33-34)
- Read Matthew 9: 28. What is Jesus doing by asking this question?
- Read Matthew 9: 29-31. What catches your eye?

**Large Group Teaching—Restoration and the Cross**

1. The passages on the left side of this sheet depict different types of restoration. List and describe them.
2. What is an example of restoration that you have experienced or heard of in the life of someone else?
3. Consider your current life’s situation, as one who is awaiting Christ’s final restoration of all things, which area of restoration seems most desirable to you?