

# Lesson 11

The Way, The Truth, The Life | Matthew 8:1-34

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## START MEETING

- Matthew wrote his Gospel initially for the Christian communities he founded. It is like a manual for new believers. A unique feature of his book is the arrangement of his materials in blocks, the first of which is the so-called Sermon on Mount in chapters 5-7. It seems to me that chapters 8-9 is also a block. Whereas 5-7 is a block of Jesus' teaching, 8-9 is a block of his deeds.
- What is the connection between chapters 5-7 and chapters 8-9? Can you find the link-word? That is in fact the key word for the whole section, chapters 5 to 9.
- Chapters 8-9 is a block of 10 miracles. Read through both chapters. Do you see a clear structure? Write an outline if you can.

## READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

1. Give a sub-heading for each the first 3 miracles narrated in Matthew 8. How are they different from each other?
2. What is the unit (8:18-22) at the end of the first set of 3 miracles about? How is it tied to the three miracles narrated (8:1-17)?
3. How is the 4th miracle in Matthew 8:23-27 different from the first three miracles?

## MATTHEW: THE DISCIPLEMAKER MANUAL

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## PASSAGE FOCUS

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### Matthew Chapter 8

In Matthew 8, Jesus was demonstrating the Kingdom of God and his authority. As we become Jesus' disciple, he will set us on a journey to do the work of the Kingdom.

## STUDY GUIDE

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### LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

### REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

### SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

4. Matthew 8 ends with a difficult passage about the demise of the pigs and possibly the demons as well. What is the best way of handling scripture which seems ambiguous?

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## **CLOSE MEETING**

- A sharing question: what is the hardest thing for you at the moment in your walk with Jesus? How do these accounts challenge your faith or bring you encouragement?
  
- What difference will the unstoppable authority of Jesus make in your life this week? How is God calling you to believe - to have faith - in Him? What is stopping you that cannot stop Jesus?
  
- Going further - If you have the time, look up the references on discipleship in Matthew other than 8:18-22; and also compare Matthew's records with the other Gospel accounts like Luke's. You will then have a fuller and richer understanding of Jesus' teaching on discipleship.