

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 8:1-17

“The Kingdom of God: Authority to Heal”

- 1) What is the summary of Jesus' ministry while he was on earth (Matthew 4:23)?
How is that ministry carried out in the church today?
- 2) What is Matthew saying to us about Jesus in the words he writes in chapters 5-7 and chapter 8?
- 3) What is the difference between Jesus' sovereign power and Jesus' sovereign will?
- 4) Why is it significant that Jesus healed the leper by touching him? How are we like the leper?
- 5) Who are the ethnically outcast today? Who are the “*sons of the Kingdom*” today?
- 6) What are the cultural boundaries of our day that need to be breached by the gospel?
- 7) How would you respond to those who say our Christian faith should protect us from suffering?
- 8) How does our faith in Jesus Christ help us in a world full of pain and suffering? (Romans 5:1-5)

We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18