

Study Guide
Matthew 8:1-22
The Kingdom Has Come!

1. Would you agree that in the term, Covid-19, the '19' stands for the amount of pounds we are all going to gain while sitting around our houses?
2. Read Matthew 8:1-4. Discuss the concept that you and I are the leper. Have you ever felt that God is mildly disgusted with you? ...felt ashamed and in need of distance from God and others? (see also Genesis 3:8-11).
3. Discuss the concept that Jesus 'touched' me! How have you experienced the affirming touch of God in your life?
4. Read Matthew 8:5-13. What do you notice about the Centurion? What made Jesus 'marvel'? Why do you think God honored this man as an 'outsider'?
5. Read Matthew 8:17-22. Discuss the concept that following Jesus leads to healing. What are the things that keep us from following Jesus, and what can help us to follow Him?

Application

Pray for God to show us what stands between us and Him and break the tendency in us not to really follow Him.

Message Slides

Kingdom Work!

Big Idea: The Touch of God Heals Those Who Come!

I. Jesus For All who Come

A. The Leper- Defiled (v.1-4)

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

B. The Centurion’s Slave- Unworthy (v.5-13)

⁵When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.” ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

C. The Mother-in-Law! (v.14-16)

¹⁴And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. ¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

II. Jesus Came for Our Healing (v.17)

¹⁷This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

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Isaiah 53:4-5...by his wounds we are healed!

III. Following Jesus Leads to Healing (v.18-22)

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

²¹Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ²²And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

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