

Worth it?

Matthew 8:14-22

I. The WORTH of Christ - 8:14-17

“When Jesus came into Peter’s home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him. When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: ‘He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases.’

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II. The PRICE of Christ - 8:18-22

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side of the sea. Then a scribe came and said to Him, ‘Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.’ Jesus said to him, ‘The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.’ Another of the disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.’”

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Life Group Study Questions

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1. Have you ever had buyer's remorse? What did you purchase and why did it disappoint you? How does that compare with becoming a disciple of Christ?

2. What is the significance of Jesus healing a woman? What does her immediate service reveal about the extent of Christ's ability to heal?

3. Have you ever felt like a second-class citizen in the Body of Christ? What does this moment with Peter's mother-in-law reveal about Christ's regard for our personal view of ourselves?

4. Jesus healed ALL who came to Him throughout the night. His power was over every disease and demon. Why does Jesus have authority over ALL of afflictions? How does Matthew quoting of Isaiah 53:4 help us understand Christ's authority?

5. Can you think of anything of greater worth than discovering the source of power over sin? How does the enthusiasm of the scribe and disciple mirror our own?

6. Jesus answers the scribe by informing him that the Son of Man (Messiah) is on an uncomfortable mission. What does this reveal about the scribe's understanding of the word "follow?" How is our own version of discipleship often dominated by our own comfort?

7. Read Matt. 10:37-39. What does it cost to follow Christ when it comes to the "good things" in our life?

8. Discipleship is also a call to drop our time-tables and priorities. Jesus tells the disciple to "follow immediately," or "follow first." This means that the kingdom of God is more important than the kingdom of (insert your name). What items are we tempted to prioritize over Christ?

9. What is the personal area of your life where you need to apply this truth? Pray for one another that we would value Christ above all else.