

Lesson #9- Matthew Chapter 8 Questions for Discussion:

1. A leper comes to Jesus.
 - a) What does Matthew record about the way he approaches Jesus?
 - b) How does Jesus respond to the leper's request?
 - c) After the leper was cleansed, what instructions did Jesus have for the man and why do you think Jesus told him to do this?

2. A centurion comes to Jesus because his servant is in terrible pain with the palsy.
 - a) What did Jesus say He would do?
 - b) What was the centurion's reply and what did Jesus find so amazing about it?
 - c) Discuss Jesus' statements in verses 11 and 12.

3. Jesus comes to Peter's house and finds his mother-in-law lying, sick with a fever and heals her. Later that same evening many that were possessed with devils and many that were sick were brought to Jesus and he cast out the spirits and healed them all, fulfilling the prophesy of Isaiah. When Jesus saw that great numbers of people were gathering to see the miracles, He gave orders to go to the other side of the lake. A particular scribe tells Jesus, "Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." Concerning following Jesus, another disciple says, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father."
 - a) How did Jesus respond to each and what do you think His meaning was?

4. Verses 23-27 tell of the voyage to the other side.
 - a) Why do you think Jesus was asleep in the ship?
 - b) Discuss the interaction between Jesus and His disciples. What do you think they learned and what did you learn from reading of this adventure at sea?

5. 28 through 34 is the famous story of the demons entering into the swine.
 - a) What did the devils know that most of Israel (and the world) refused to believe?
 - b) The swine keepers reported all that had happened to the people of the city. How did the city respond to the news and why do you think they reacted in such a manner?