



**Sermon Discussion Questions - May 15 & 17, 2026**  
**Matthew Part 3: Week 2**  
**Matthew 8:18-22**

**Ice Breaker:** *Following Jesus is the greatest decision we could ever make, but it comes at a cost.*

- **Q1: When you first decided to follow Jesus, was there anything about it that made you nervous or uncertain about how your life might change?**

*Read Matthew 8:18-22 together. In this passage, two men wanted to follow Jesus, but both struggled to fully surrender to Him.*

- **Q2: Have you ever experienced difficulty, discomfort, or sacrifice because of your decision to follow Jesus?**
- **Q3: Are there areas of your life where surrendering to Jesus is still difficult, or where you've delayed obedience? How does this passage speak to that?**

*The scribe needed to be reminded that earthly comforts cannot be allowed to stand in the way of following Jesus.*

- **Q4: What comforts, distractions, or desires could (or do) keep you from following Jesus wholeheartedly?**

*The other disciple needed to be reminded that Jesus demands our primary allegiance.*

- **Q5: How has following Jesus affected the way you approach your family, career, friendships, or community?**
- **Q6: Is there anything in your life right now competing with Jesus for your highest loyalty or attention?**

*True discipleship requires costly obedience and valuing Jesus above everything else.*

- **Q7: Is there something you're afraid to let go of, or something you're still holding onto, that Jesus may be asking you to surrender?**

*Jesus promises that what we gain in Him is far greater than anything we give up!*

- **Q8: Looking back on your faith journey, what has made following Jesus worth the cost? What have you gained through giving your life to Him?**

*Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!*