

All In

Matthew 8:18-22 Small Group Questions WEEK OF JULY 26-AUGUST 1, 2026

- (1) Read Matthew 8:18-22 and Luke 9:57-62 back-to-back.
 - (a) What is similar in the two accounts of this moment in Jesus' ministry? Different?
 - (b) What is the main point of both of these accounts (which is also the main point of the sermon)?
- (2) How come it's surprising that a scribe makes such a bold and public declaration to follow Jesus?
 - (a) Is this scribe professing discipleship, or something else?
 - (b) What is discipleship? What Scripture can you bring to bear on the concept of discipleship?
 - (c) How come Jesus responds as He does, and what important lesson does this hold for us as we think about our own discipleship?
- (3) What is the significance of Jesus referring to Himself as the Son of Man in verse 20? Daniel 7:9-14, Matthew 26:64, and Acts 7:56 may help.
 - (a) In light of these passages, what is the irony about what Jesus says of the Son of Man?
 - (b) Most of us will not experience "having nowhere to lay our heads." How should we apply the message Jesus gives to the scribe as we follow Jesus today?
- (4) What observations can you make about discipleship from how Jesus interacts with the man in verses 21-22?
- (5) What do you make of these statements by John MacArthur in relation to the claims Jesus makes on us?

"The Christian life is not adding Jesus to one's own way of life but renouncing that personal way of life for His and being willing to pay whatever cost that may require."

"A person who does not totally commit himself to Christ disbelieves in Him, no matter how many positive things he may have to say about Him."
- (6) What are some of the most significant hindrances we face in treasuring Jesus above all (and why is the word *treasuring* important in our relationship with Jesus)?