

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Matthew 8-19

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1. Reflect on the domains over which Jesus demonstrates His authority as evidenced in Matthew 8. What does it mean to you today, knowing that Jesus possesses ultimate power and authority?
2. With what two pieces of information does our Savior surround His directive "Don't be afraid?" See Matthew 10:29-31
3. Matthew refers to Jesus' fulfillment of the words recorded in the prophet Isaiah: "A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope" (Matthew 12:20-21). What do these words mean to you?
4. Review the parable of the sower recorded in Matthew 13:1-23 in light of the parable of the weeds recorded in Matthew 13:24-30. How does God's Spirit work to make you productive soil in spite of the forces working to dry out, choke out, or carry away the power of the Gospel in your life?
5. Review Matthew 15:1-20. What was Jesus' ultimate goal in His dialogue with the Pharisees and teachers of the law? See also I Timothy 2:4.
6. Matthew 18:15 tells believers that if a fellow believer sins against us, we are first to go to that person to talk about the offense. What benefits are likely to be associated with this direct and intimate approach?