

## STUDY GUIDE

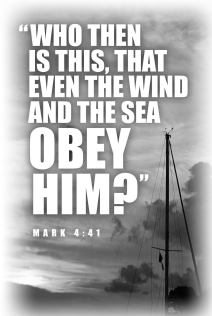
### Matthew 8:18-9:8

Where have you seen the hand of Jesus this past week?

Read Matthew 8:18 - 9:8

In verses 19-22 Jesus responds to 'would-be' followers.  
In reading Jesus response to them what is He looking for?  
What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

What do you think Jesus would say to you if you walked up to Him and volunteered to be a disciple?



Jesus has authority. Authority in his teaching, over disease, over the elements, over demons and over sin. When you think of the word "authority" what comes to mind? What is Jesus authority and is it anything like the authorities we know in our world?

How does Jesus want us to respond to His power and authority?

When the storm arises the disciples are fearful, a response that seems natural. What sort of faith was Jesus looking for in His disciples? Where does this challenge you?

When Jesus heals the demon-possessed men the people in the town want Him to leave. What are some reasons today why people don't want Jesus around?

Where is your view of Jesus lacking? And how does this effect your life?

What one thing do you think God would want you to take away from todays passage of scripture?

Pray:

*Ask Jesus to give you a new perspective and strengthen your vision of His power in ways that deepen your faith.*

