

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**  
**Matthew 8:1-22**

***Getting Started***

Have you ever been treated like an outsider? Describe your experience.

***Digging In***

1. **Read Matthew 8:1-4.** What do you think life was like for this man with leprosy?
2. What evidence do you see in these verses of Christ's compassion? Of his power?
3. **Read Matthew 8:5-13.** What words would you use to describe this centurion?
4. Why was Jesus astonished?
5. How are Christ's compassion and power seen in this passage?
6. How is Jesus' love for the outsider seen in these verses?
7. Have you ever seen a *Where's Waldo?* book? Can you find yourself in these verses?
8. **Read Matthew 8:14-17.** How are Christ's power and compassion seen in these verses?
9. **Read Matthew 8:18-22.** Do you think the first questioner was sincere? Why or why not?
10. What point was Jesus' making in his reply to this man?
11. According to these verses, how is there a cost to following Jesus?



***Getting Personal***

- With which person in this passage can you identify? Why?
- How have you experienced Christ's love in your own life?
- Who are the outsiders and outcasts today?
- How would God have us show his love to those whom society has left behind?