

## **Matthew 8:18-22**

### **Intro/Starter**

What do we mean by the statement, 'Jesus is King'?

### **The price of following Jesus**

Read Matthew 8:18-20.

What announcement does this teacher of the law make?

What do you think of his statement?

How does Jesus respond?

What does Jesus' response tell us about Jesus?

What does Jesus' response tell us about the price of following him?

Did you count the cost when you first decided to follow Jesus? In what ways have you counted the cost since first following Jesus?

### **The priorities of following Jesus**

Read Matthew 8:21-22.

What does this would-be follower say to Jesus?

What do you think of his statement?

How does Jesus respond?

What does Jesus' response tell us about Jesus?

What does Jesus' response tell us about the priorities of following him?

When you first decided to follow Jesus, did that decision involve a conflict of priorities in terms of family? In what ways have you been challenged in terms of priorities since following Jesus?

## **Summary/Close**

Read John 6:60-69.

Given that the price is high and the priorities hard, why would someone decide to follow Jesus?