

## **Holy Week Recap & Matthew Chapter 8**

Ice Breaker Idea: Tell the group what you've been up to over the past couple of weeks.

Questions:

### **Holy Week Reflection**

1. On Palm Sunday we talked about Jesus' efforts to "reclaim His church", to show how things are really to be done in His kingdom. What do you see as the main purpose of the church in our time? What role are we to play, what work has God given us to do?
2. Maundy Thursday is the time when Jesus' instituted the Lord's Supper and Good Friday is when we remember and honor Jesus giving His life for us. Discuss the importance of observing these events. How do these worship services help point us to the joy of Easter Sunday?
3. Easter was a time to gather and consider the question, "Do you really believe that Jesus rose from the grave?". What new insights did you take away that help you to answer that question? How would you approach sharing this truth with someone who might be skeptical?

### **Matthew 8 (Nothing Jesus Can't Do)**

4. "Your level of peace in the storm is directly related to the level of trust that you have in the Father". Discuss this comment and how you have seen it play out in your own life.
5. God's ultimate purpose is to bring many to salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. Sometimes He uses circumstances in the lives of His people to reveal Himself and make people aware of His existence. Does it help you to face storms when you know that there is a purpose behind it? What other things does God accomplish through challenges in your life?
6. Have you ever looked back on the blessings God has provided throughout your life? What impact does such an exercise have?

### **"Digging Deeper"**

#### **Read Genesis 1: 1-8 & John 1: 1-5**

1. In our reading from Matthew 8, Jesus has power over the wind and the waves. What does this tell us about Jesus? What is Jesus' role in creation?