



**Dec. 31, 2023**  
**Gospel of the Kingdom - Lived**

**Matthew 8:1-32**

**Summary:** After Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom, He then demonstrates He is both the King and the example of a citizen of the Kingdom. Chapter eight presents portraits to instruct and inspire us to follow the example of King Jesus.

**Scripture – Matthew 8:1-32; Revelation 7:9; Isaiah 53:4-5; Ephesians 5:15**

**Community Group Questions**

**Introduction**

- "It's doing that's the key to success." How well did you execute your plans/goals in 2023?

**Matthew 8:1-4**

- "Death is an invader; God did not design death."
- "In the New Testament, life is infectious."

**Matthew 8:5-13**

- How did the centurion's faith motivate Jesus to heal his servant?
- How can we live for the Kingdom by loving difficult people?

**Matthew 8:14-17**

- How does Isaiah 53:4-6 tie into the miracles in Matthew 8:16?

**Matthew 8:18-22**

- Why is following Jesus an urgent choice?
- What does it look like to sacrifice comfort so you don't fall into the "when I...then I...syndrome"?

**Matthew 8:23-34**

- "He's not safe, but he's the King and he's good." - C.S. Lewis  
Why is it important to follow Jesus simply because He's the King?
- In the end there are only two options, "Yes sir." (centurion) or "Please leave." (pig farmers)
- "In 2024 is Jesus going to be your King?"