

## Sermon Reflection Questions

We encourage you to use these for personal reflection, or to discuss as a family or with a friend, or to dig deeper in small group conversations around the sermon text. You can meet over the phone or online to go through these questions to discuss and pray together.

Series: Who Is This Man?  
Message: **Discipleship**  
Scripture: **Matthew 8:18-27**  
Speaker: Pastor Ben Short

### Intro: The Cost of Discipleship

*When the Bible speaks of following Jesus, it proclaims a discipleship which will liberate people from all human dogmas, from every burden and oppression, from every anxiety and torture which afflicts the conscience. If they follow Jesus, people escape from the hard yoke of their own laws, and submit to the kindly yoke of Jesus Christ. But does this mean that we ignore the seriousness of his commands? Far from it. We can only achieve perfect liberty and enjoy fellowship with Jesus when his command, his call to absolute discipleship is appreciated in its entirety. Only the person who follows the command of Jesus single-mindedly, and unresistingly lets his yoke rest upon them and finds his burden easy.*

*Bonhoeffer.*

### 1. The Cost of Discipleship

8:17–20. Jesus speaks a word of realism to an enthusiastic disciple.

Being a disciple will lead you into insecurity

8:21–22. Jesus speaks a word of challenge to a divided disciple.

Being a disciple means Jesus is your number one priority.

## **2. The Benefit of discipleship 8:23–27**

v27 "Who is this man"

Being a disciple means following the Lord of the universe.

v26 "Little Faith" + Fear.

Our fear comes from the fact that we see Jesus as "little"

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What 'security' have you needed to relinquish as a disciple?
2. What priorities are competing with obedience to Jesus in your life?
3. What fears prevent you from trusting Jesus?