

# The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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## The King's Road: Recognizing Jesus' Authority

### Matthew 8:18–34 | Small Group Questions

#### 1. Recognizing the Cost of Following Jesus (8:18–22)

##### 1. Observation:

What differences do you notice between the two people who approach Jesus about following Him? How do their responses reveal different obstacles to discipleship?

##### 2. Reflection:

Which of these two responses do you relate to more—enthusiastic but uncounted commitment, or hesitant obedience delayed by responsibilities? Why?

##### 3. Application:

What is one comfort, priority, or sense of security that may make following Jesus costly for you right now?

#### 2. Recognizing Jesus' Authority over the Natural (8:23–27)

##### 4. Observation:

What details in the storm scene emphasize how helpless the disciples were—and how calm Jesus was?

##### 5. Reflection:

Why do you think Jesus questions their faith *before* calming the storm? What does this reveal about the relationship between fear and trust?

##### 6. Application:

When “storms” arise in your life, what does your first reaction usually reveal about where you place your confidence?

#### 3. Recognizing Jesus' Authority over the Supernatural (8:28–34)

**7. Observation:**

How do the demons respond to Jesus differently than the townspeople do?  
What do both reactions show about His authority?

**8. Reflection:**

Why do you think the people ask Jesus to leave—even after witnessing undeniable deliverance and power?

**9. Application:**

Are there areas where Jesus' authority feels threatening because it might disrupt something you value or control?

## **4. Living Under the King's Authority (Whole Passage)**

**10. Big Picture:**

How does this passage expand your understanding of who Jesus is—not just what He can do?

**11. Personal Response:**

What would it look like this week to follow Jesus *at any cost*, trusting His authority over both what you can see and what you cannot?

### **Closing Prayer Prompt (Optional)**

*Lord Jesus, help us count the cost honestly, trust You fully in the storms we face, and submit joyfully to Your authority in every area of our lives. Increase our faith and teach us to follow You wherever You lead. Amen.*