

MOVING FROM THE MULTITUDES

1. Seeing the great multitudes Matthew 8:18

- a) Many are drawn to multitudes
- b) Jesus withdrew from them

2. A command to depart to the other side Matthew 8:18

- a) Deliberate
- b) Instructive
- c) Significant

TWO WOULD-BE DISCIPLES

1. A scribe

- a) Expression of desire to follow the Lord Jesus Matthew 8:19
- b) The response of Jesus
 - i) Foxes have holes
 - ii) Birds have nests
 - iii) The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His Head

2. An unknown disciple

- a) "Lord, let me first go and bury my father" Matthew 8:21
 - i) Not that the Lord forbade attending the funeral of the departed father
 - ii) Serving the Lord must take first place in our heart/ mind
- b) The response of Jesus
 - i) Follow Me
 - ii) Let the dead bury their own dead Matthew 8:22

3. Significance of the recording of these two incidents

- a) A sample of the type of people following the Lord
- b) Many did not understand what it means to follow
- c) Many did not understand the challenges of following the Lord
- d) Assumption that the heart's desire to follow the Lord is sufficient

THE ANSWERS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. Thought-provoking
2. Insightful
3. Warrants checking of our heart and mind concerning following the Lord Jesus Christ
4. The challenge of following the Lord Jesus today