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The inductive Bible study method involves three main steps: Observation, Interpretation, and Application. This guide will help you delve deeper into Matthew 8:1-22 using these steps.

Observation

1. Read the Passage:

- Carefully read Matthew 8:1-22. Take note of key events and individuals.

2. Identify Key Characters:

- List the main characters: Jesus, the leper, the centurion, the centurion's servant, Peter's mother-in-law, the disciples, and the multitudes.



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3. Highlight Key Actions and Events:

- Jesus heals a leper (v. 1-4).
- Healing of the centurion's servant (v. 5-13).
- Peter's mother-in-law healed from fever (v. 14-15).
- Mass healings and casting out demons (v. 16-17).
- Teaching on the cost of discipleship (v. 18-22).

4. Note Repeated Words or Phrases:

- Pay attention to words related to faith, healing, authority, and following Jesus.

5. Contextual Clues:

- Consider the previous chapter's context (Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount) and the setting of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.



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Interpretation

1. Explore the Meaning of the Text:

- What does each healing tell us about Jesus' authority and compassion?
- How does the centurion's understanding of authority influence his faith? Reflect on Matthew 7:28-29 and how people perceived Jesus' teaching authority.

2. Understand the Role of Faith:

- Consider the faith demonstrated by the leper and the centurion. How does this compare to other instances of faith in the Bible (Romans 4:16-18)?



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3. Analyze Jesus' Teachings on Discipleship:

- What does Jesus' response to the scribe and the disciple (v. 18-22) tell us about the priorities of following Him?
- Cross-reference with Luke 14:26-27 to deepen understanding of discipleship.

4. Prophetic Fulfillment:

- Explore the fulfillment of prophecy in v. 17 with Isaiah 53:4 and how it connects to 1 Peter 2:24.

5. Word Study:

- Study the original Greek terms like "authority" (ἐξουσία, exousia) and "faith" (πίστις, pistis) to gain deeper insight.



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Application

1. Personal Reflection:

- Reflect on your own life. Are there areas where you need to show faith like the centurion?
- What does it mean to you to "count the cost" of following Jesus?

2. Responses to Jesus' Authority:

- How do you respond to Jesus' authority in your daily decisions and actions?
- Are there "leper" parts of your life where you need Jesus' healing touch?



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3. Living Out Discipleship:

- In what ways can you prioritize Jesus over worldly comforts and obligations?
- Consider how to serve others as Peter's mother-in-law did after being healed.

4. Community Application:

- How can this passage encourage you to engage with and support those in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing?

5. Prayer:

- Pray for the faith to trust in Jesus' authority and the courage to follow Him wholeheartedly. Ask for His guidance in serving others and living out your faith daily.



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Cross-References for Deeper Study:

- Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:18-19 (Jesus' mission of healing)
- Exodus 15:26 and Hebrews 13:8 (God as healer)
- Romans 4:16-18 (Faith like Abraham)
- Matthew 21:43 (Kingdom given to those producing fruit)
- Ephesians 2:12-13 (Inclusion of the Gentiles)
- Philippians 3:8 and Matthew 16:24-25 (Cost of discipleship)

This study guide will help you engage deeply with Matthew 8:1-22 using the inductive Bible study method, allowing personal insights to emerge through observation, interpretation, and application.