

## Matthew 8:18-22 **Considerations of Discipleship**

18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." 20

And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." 21 Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and

bury my father." 22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

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Facts Revealed:

**Considerations for Discipleship** [Matthew 8:18-22, Luke 9:57-62]

- ✚ Command to cross the Sea of Galilee from Capernaum.
- ✚ A Scribe witnessed the power and authority of Jesus, and desired to go with Him, saying, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."
  - ✧ The answer Jesus gave was an indication that He did not have earthly possessions, and could not offer earthly comforts.
- ✚ The one who asked first to go bury his father, and the one who wanted to first return home to bid his family farewell, were procrastinating.
  - ✧ His father was not dead, but he wanted to wait till the time after his father had died and been buried before he would be willing to follow Jesus.
  - ✧ If his father had actually died, the man would have been with the family making arrangements for burial, and in mourning, not with the multitude around Jesus.
  - ✧ The other was just more connected with family than with Jesus and His ministry.
  - ✧ The answer Jesus gave indicated that to be a disciple of Jesus, we would be required to establish priorities and be willing to respond at the time of the call.
  - ✧ Following Jesus is much more important than procrastinating till a convenient time.
  - ✧ There are plenty of unsaved to bury the unsaved.
- ✚ This concept goes very well with the teaching of Jesus, which says:

"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." [Luke 9:62]