**Life Group Discussion Guide**

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

*A New Season is Coming*

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**Intro:**

1. Have you ever been “stood up” or “ghosted” for a meeting, date, business contact, etc? What was the experience like and how did you feel?

2. What has been a situation in life where you felt “ghosted” by God? How did you view God during this time?

**Discussion: Read Matthew 7:28-8:17**

1. Chapter 7 verses 28-29 says the crowds were amazed by Jesus’ authority. How did Jesus teach with a different authority than the other teachers during the day?

2. Why do you think Matthew includes stories of healing right after Jesus’ famous sermon on the mount?

3. Write down the miracles and healings in 8:1-17 and who Jesus performed them for. What do these miracles say about Jesus’ authority?

4. Why did Jesus choose to heal a leper, a roman centurion, and woman? What does this tell us about Jesus?

5. Why does Jesus touch the leper? How can this be an incredible source of comfort to us, when we have failed miserably and feel ashamed of our condition?

6. What is startling about Jesus’ response to the Centurion is vs10-12? What is the key to reclining with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of heaven? How does this affect us today?

7. In verse 17 Matthew relates Jesus’ healing physical illness and exorcisms to Isaiah 53. How is Jesus’ death related to his healing ministry?

8. Ryan said that Jesus’ death and victory over sin secures all the benefits of the Kingdom for believers. How does Jesus’ death give hope to those suffering with sickness?

9. Is it wrong to pray for healing? Is it wrong not to pray for healing? What should our response be if God doesn’t heal someone?

10. Ryan guaranteed that for believers they WILL be healed. The only question is when. What does this mean? How do we handle the unfairness of some getting healed and some people not?

11. How can a change of season be a reminder of the goodness to come? How can you foster and grow your hope in the coming kingdom?