



# **Bible Study Booklet**

## **Study 3**

9th June – 28th July

# Study 1

Week of 9 June

## **Matthew 17:14-21**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why did the father come to Jesus? (There is more than one reason)
2. Why was it hard for the disciples to heal the boy and easy for Jesus?
3. Jesus seemed very frustrated with the disciples, why was that?
4. What is faith? (See Hebrews 11)

5. How is faith like a mustard seed?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. In what way does faith move mountains?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Are there things which are impossible for God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Jesus says 'Nothing will be impossible for you'. How can that be?

# Study 2

Week of 16 June

## **Matthew 18:1-14**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Who is the greatest person you know? What makes them great?
2. What do you think motivated the disciples to ask this question? V1
3. Why did Jesus use a child to show them what being “the greatest” means?
4. In what ways is a child humble?

5. In what ways does a child express pure faith or dependence on others?
6. What lesson or lessons did He want the disciples and us, to learn?
7. How might people cause children and others to sin? What is the consequence for people who cause others to sin?
8. Why doesn't Jesus want anyone to perish?

# Study 3

# Week of 23 June

## **Matthew 18:15-35**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is helping people deal with sin so important?
2. Why is the treatment of people who refuse to listen to or accept church discipline seem so harsh?
3. Would a Jew at the time of Peter think that seven times was a lot or not many times to forgive someone?
4. Does Jesus' answer mean you should count seventy sevens (or 490) times before you don't have to forgive anymore? Or does His answer mean something else?

5. In this parable, who is the king? And who are the servants?
6. What does this debt represent, and could this debt be paid?
7. What character does the king shows when he forgives the debt?
8. What character does the servant show when he doesn't forgive?

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9. Why did the king become so angry at the servant to whom he had so recently shown mercy?

10. What conclusion can we make from this parable's ending?

11. How important is forgiveness?

### Personal Questions To Reflect On

How might a lack of forgiveness manifest itself in your life?

How might you act toward someone if you do not forgive them?

Does forgiving mean forgetting?

Does forgiving mean you will not bring it up again?

Does forgiving mean the wound is completely healed?

Is there anyone you need to forgive?





Matthew 18:35 KJV

*So likewise shall my heavenly  
Father do also unto you, if ye  
from your hearts forgive not  
every one his brother their  
trespasses.*

# Study 4

# Week of 30 June

## **Matthew 19:16-30**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What would you do (buy, spend, give, save) if you suddenly received 10 million dollars?
2. What question was asked of Jesus at the beginning of this story? (v16)
3. How did Jesus respond to the man's question?
4. What astonishing claim did the young man make? (v20)  
Why is this astonishing?



# Study 5

# Week of 7 July

## **Matthew 21:1-22**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What does it mean that Jesus is the prophesied King? (v5)
2. How is Christ's kingship unique?
3. Who is the 'Son of David' and why is this significant? (v9)
4. How would you explain to a nonbeliever the purpose of Jesus coming as King?

5. What is your understanding of verse 13?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Why is prayer so centrally important for the church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What was Jesus' purpose in the parable of the fig tree?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. In this passage of scripture, we have Jesus as King and a focus on faith and prayer. How are these linked?

Personal Questions To Reflect On

How is your faith and your prayer life going?

Is it where you would like it to be?

What do you need to do about that?

# Study 6

# Week of 14 July

## **Matthew 21:23 – 22:14**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What question did the chief priests and elders ask Jesus and why? (v23, 12, 15)
2. What was Jesus' counter-question, and why couldn't they answer? (v24-27)
3. Why did Jesus talk about John's baptism?
4. What are the keys points in the Parable of the two sons? (Matthew 21:28-32).
5. In another parable, how did a landowner prepare his vineyard and with what expectation? (v33-34) What do the tenant's and landowner's actions reveal about them? (v35-39) What would happen to the tenants and the vineyard? (v40-41)

6. Read verse 42. Why does Jesus quote Psalm 118:22,23 here?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How is Jesus the cornerstone? (Acts 4:10-12) Why is this marvelous to us? How did Jesus apply this? (v43-44) How did the religious leaders respond? (v45-46)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. In Jesus' next parable, how did the invited guests respond to the king's repeated invitations to his son's wedding banquet? (v22:1-6) What does this show about God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How did the king fill the wedding hall? (v8-10) Who do these guests represent?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What does this show about God and his kingdom?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What does this passage teach us about Jesus and his authority?

# Study 7

Week of 21 July

## **Matthew 22:34-40**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. As you read Matthew 22:34-40, what stands out to you?
2. How important were these two commandments to Jesus? Why?
3. Are there any differences between heart, soul, and mind? Why do you think all three are emphasised here?
4. Is half hearted love, love at all? Why? Why not?
5. Why did you think Jesus added 'love your neighbor as yourself'? Why didn't He just stop after love God?



6. Read Romans 13:8-10. What stands out to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why does this commandment sum up Scripture?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Read 1 John 4:7-10. What stands out to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How does the overwhelming love that Jesus shows to us, lead us to showing that same love to other people?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What are some practical ways you can show the overwhelming love of Jesus to others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How is our ability to love our neighbor both affected, and expressed, by our love for God?

# Study 8

# Week of 28 July

## **Matthew 23**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why was Jesus so hard on the Scribes and the Pharisees?
2. How were the Pharisees and teachers of the law trying to exalt themselves?
3. What does Jesus say a life lived to exalt yourself will lead to?
4. What does a life of humility lead to?
5. Read Philippians 2:3-4. What stands out to you?

6. What helps you to view others as more important than yourself?
  
7. How do you view others as more important than yourself when you just don't feel like it?
  
8. What is the balance of living humbly but not letting people take advantage of you?
  
9. Read Colossians 3:12-14. What stands out to you?
  
10. How can you intentionally choose to put on humility daily?
  
11. Who can you serve and show the overwhelming love of Jesus to this week?

