



# **Bible Study Booklet**

Weeks 1 - 11

## **Read Matthew 2:13-23**

1. What does verse thirteen teach us about God?
2. How does the fact of God's sovereignty and care for His children relate to our lives today?
3. How did Joseph respond to God's command? What do you think many people will do? What might be the dangers of delay? What can we learn from Joseph? How should we obey God?
4. Does verse sixteen tell us the age of Jesus at this time in the story? Why or why not?



# Study 2

Week of 28 Jan

## **Read Matthew 3:1-17**

1. Why would John preach in the wilderness? Who would be listening to him there?
2. What was the core teaching of John's message?
3. What does it mean that the "kingdom of heaven is at hand"?
4. Why was John's clothing and diet important? Are there any lessons we can learn from John in this?
5. What did "John's baptism" signify?





6. Why does Satan use Scripture in his second temptation? What does this teach us about Satan?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How does Satan use Scripture? What does this teach us about the proper way to use Scripture?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What can we learn from Jesus' response? Was Jesus saying that Satan should not put Him to the test or that He should not put God to the test? How might we sometimes put God to the test?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How could Satan give the kingdoms of the world to Jesus? Aren't they His already?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What do we learn from this final exchange?

# Study 4

Week of 11 Feb

## **Read Matthew 4:12-22**

1. Where is this prophecy (15-16) from? What does it teach us about Jesus' ministry?
2. What was the core teaching of Jesus' message?
3. Seeing that John the Baptist and Jesus both focused on repentance, what can you learn from this?
4. What does this tell us about what a follower of Christ really does?
5. How can we follow their examples when we share the gospel?
6. What can we learn from Jesus' calling of these four disciples?





## **Read Matthew 5:1-12**

1. What does the word 'Blessed' mean in the context of this passage?
2. Describe a time when you felt especially poor in spirit—a time when you were keenly aware of your need for God. How did He meet you?
3. Would you agree that we tend to mourn over our circumstances more than we mourn over our sin? If so, why do you think we don't mourn over our sin more often?
4. All of the following passages discuss "meekness" (sometimes rendered "lowliness" or "gentleness"): Matthew 11:29, Ephesians 4:1-2, 2 Corinthians 10:1, Titus 3:2, James 1:20-21, Psalm 25:9. Choose a few of these texts and discuss what further insights you uncover about meekness.
5. What are your deepest desires, those things that drive your daily life? Is righteousness in that list? Why or why not?



## **Read Matthew 6:1-15**

1. What is righteousness?
2. Why would people intentionally do good deeds in front of others?
3. What are some examples of things we might do in front of others in order to get recognition? Are there any examples in the Bible of people who did this?
4. Why would such a person receive no reward from God? Isn't the action of giving to the needy the most important?



# Study 7

Week of 3 Mar

## **Read Matthew 5:21-48**

We have a number of sections here where Jesus says :

***‘You heard that it was said...But I tell you...’***

Have a look at each section and ask the question, what is Jesus saying and why is it so important?

Matthew 5:21-26 Murder

Matthew 5:27-30 Adultery

Matthew 5:31-32 Divorce

Matthew 5:33-37 Making Oaths

Matthew 5:38-42 Eye For An Eye

Matthew 5:43-48 Love Your Enemies

## Read Matthew 7

**‘Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.’  
(Matthew 7:24)**

Chapter 7 is all about wise words, of Jesus, read all of chapter 7 and discuss the following questions.

1. What does it mean “do not judge?”
2. So, what kind of attitude should we have about judging?
3. What does it mean “or you too will be judged?” By who?
4. What is your understanding of Matthew 7:7-12?





## **The Dash – Gen/Rev**

Beginnings are important! They tell us where we came from, who we are and why we exist. They speak to our meaning, purpose and identity. While people in our day are looking up ancestry.com trying to find who they are and where they came from, God has given us the ultimate answer in Genesis 1.

### **Read Genesis 1:1 - 2:3**

- Who was the creator?
  - What did he make?
  - How did he make it?
  - What was it like?
  - Does it seem like he knew what he was doing?
1. When you look around at God's creation, what things really amaze you?
  2. Most of us go about life thinking we are the main character in the story of our life. But Genesis 1:1 challenges that perspective. Before you or I existed, for all eternity, God was and still is the main character of this story of life. How does this affect the way you think about your purpose and place in God's creation?

3. What does the following verse mean for you?

***Revelation 4:11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”***

4. What do you think it means to be the made in the image of God?

5. In vs26-28, what is the task men and women are given to do together?

6. If we viewed all people as bearing the image of God, with inherent dignity given to them by their creator, how should it affect the way we think about: Racism, Abortion, Euthanasia, Hate, Social justice (serving the needy)?

7. Another aspect of bearing God’s image is reflecting his character to our world. It’s seen in the way we care for and love others as Jesus loved and cared for us. - What’s one area of your life you want to change to reflect Jesus better?



5. In **Mat 7:23-27**, what was the Disciples' response to Jesus calming the storm?

6. Contrast the faith of the centurion in Matt 8:10 and that of the disciples in Matt 8:26. Why should this not have been the case?

(Personal) Which of these two examples best describes your response to Jesus?

7. In **Mat 8:28-32**, what do we discover that Demons know about Jesus?

a. How does this inform your thinking about Faith in Jesus?

b. What was the people's response to Jesus casting the demons into the pigs and why did the people respond that way?

8. What role does "faith" and "belief" in our understanding and experience of the power and authority of Jesus?

## **Read Matthew 28:1-15**

1. Why is the death of Jesus so important for our world?
2. What do you think the two Mary's were thinking as they made their way to the tomb of Jesus? What emotions would you have been experiencing if you had been in their place?
3. How does the contrast between the faith of the women and the doubt of the guards speak to your own spiritual journey?
4. How does the resurrection event affect your understanding of life, death, and eternity?



