

### STUDY GUIDE WEEK 50

### Dec. 10

### MATTHEW 7-8

1. What principle does Jesus teach about judgment and discernment in Matthew 7?

2. What does Jesus say about those who truly belong to His family in Matthew 7:21-23?

3. What is Jesus' response to the centurion's request in Matthew 8?

Discussion: Reflect on the principles of judgment, true discipleship, and faith as taught by Jesus, particularly focusing on their practical application in daily life.



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# Dec. 11

#### MATTHEW 9-10

1. What significant events occur in Matthew 9 regarding Jesus' authority?

2. What instructions does Jesus give His disciples in Matthew 10 before sending them out?

3. What does Jesus say about the cost of discipleship in Matthew 10?

Discussion: Discuss the themes of Jesus' authority over physical and spiritual realms and the challenges and responsibilities of being His disciple.

### Dec. 12 MATTHEW 11-12

1. How does Jesus respond to John the Baptist's question about His identity in Matthew 11?

2. What does Jesus say about the "yoke" He offers in Matthew 11:28-30?

3. What controversy arises in Matthew 12 regarding the Sabbath?

Discussion: Reflect on Jesus' response to doubts and criticisms, His invitation for rest and discipleship, and His teaching on the Sabbath.

## Dec. 13

**MATTHEW 13-14** 

1. What method of teaching does Jesus predominantly use in Matthew 13?

2. What are the reactions to Jesus' hometown teaching in Matthew 13?

3. What significant events occur in Matthew 14?

Discussion: Discuss Jesus' use of parables, the varying responses to His teachings and miracles, and the lessons these stories convey.

Dec. 14

#### **MATTHEW 15-16**

1. How does Jesus respond to the Canaanite woman's plea in Matthew 15?

2. What does Peter confess about Jesus in Matthew 16, and how does Jesus respond?

3. What prediction does Jesus make about His own future in Matthew 16?

Discussion: Reflect on Jesus' interactions with individuals of varying faith, Peter's confession, and the foretelling of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## Dec. 15

**MATTHEW 17-18** 

1. What happens at the Transfiguration in Matthew 17?

2. What lesson does Jesus teach about greatness in Matthew 18?

3. What does Jesus teach about forgiveness in Matthew 18?

Discussion: Reflect on the significance of the Transfiguration, the kingdom values of humility and forgiveness, and how these teachings apply to Christian life.

### Dec. 16

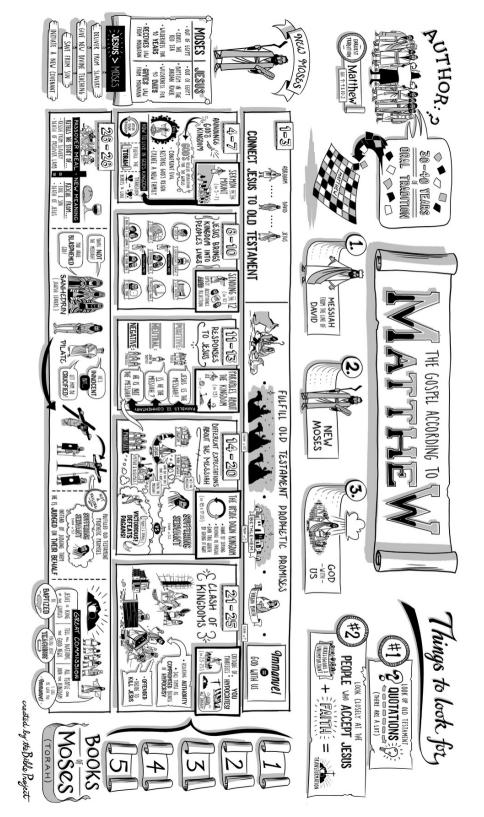
**MATTHEW 19-20** 

1. What teaching does Jesus give about marriage and divorce in Matthew 19?

2. How does Jesus respond to the rich young ruler in Matthew 19?

3. What is the lesson of the workers in the vineyard parable in Matthew 20?

Discussion: Reflect on Jesus' teachings on relationships, wealth, and the nature of God's kingdom, especially considering the radical nature of His teachings in the context of contemporary society.



The Answers

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- 1. Jesus teaches, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged," emphasizing selfexamination prior to judging others.
- 2. Jesus states that not everyone who calls Him 'Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of His Father.
- 3. Jesus is amazed by the centurion's faith and grants his request, healing his servant from a distance.

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- 1. Jesus demonstrates His authority by forgiving sins, healing the sick, calling Matthew, and raising a girl from the dead.
- 2. Jesus instructs them to proclaim the kingdom of heaven, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, and drive out demons, relying on God's provision and preparing for persecution.
- 3. Jesus speaks of the need to take up one's cross and follow Him, indicating that discipleship involves sacrifice and possibly suffering.

### DEC. 12

- 1. Jesus responds by pointing to His works: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.
- 2. Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to take His yoke upon them, for it is easy and His burden is light.
- 3. Jesus and His disciples are criticized for picking grain and healing on the Sabbath, leading Jesus to teach about the true meaning and purpose of the Sabbath.

The Answers

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- 1. Jesus uses parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven.
- 2. The people in His hometown take offense at Him, questioning His wisdom and miraculous powers due to their familiarity with Him.
- 3. The chapter describes the beheading of John the Baptist and Jesus feeding the 5000, followed by Jesus walking on water.

### DEC. 14

- 1. Initially hesitant, Jesus ultimately praises her faith and grants her request to heal her demon-possessed daughter.
- 2. Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus blesses Peter and talks about building His church upon this revelation.
- 3. Jesus predicts His suffering, death, and resurrection, and He teaches about the cost of following Him.

#### DEC. 15

- 1. Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and Joh, showing His divine glory. Moses and Elijah also appear, and God's voice is heard.
- 2. Jesus teaches that greatness in the kingdom of heaven is found in becoming humble like a little child.
- 3. Jesus teaches the parable of the unmerciful servant, emphasizing the necessity of forgiving others as we have been forgiven by God.

### DEC. 16

- 1. Jesus teaches that marriage is a sacred bond intended for life, and divorce was permitted due to human hardness of heart but is not part of God's original plan.
- 2. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and give to the poor to have treasure in heaven, then come follow Him.
- 3. The parable teaches about God's generosity and sovereignty, illustrating that the last will be first, and the first will be last in the kingdom of heaven.



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