



Carrollton Christian Fellowship

Study Guide: Dive Deeper into the Book of Matthew

Overview

This study guide is designed to help you delve deeper into the book of Matthew based on the recent sermon. It includes key themes, essential chapters, study questions, and practical applications to enhance your Bible study experience.

Section 1: Introduction to the Book of Matthew

Key Themes:

1. Jesus as the Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecies
2. The Kingdom of Heaven
3. Jesus as the Messiah and King
4. Jesus' Authority over Spiritual and Physical Realms
5. The Ethical Teachings of Jesus (Sermon on the Mount)

Key Verses:

- Matthew 5:17
- Matthew 5:43-44
- Matthew 6:9-13
- Matthew 16:26

- Matthew 22:37-40
- Matthew 27:31
- Matthew 28:5-6, 10-20

Section 2: Detailed Study Plan

Week 1: Introduction to Matthew

Text: Matthew 1-3

Focus:

- Genealogy of Jesus connecting to David and Abraham.
- Prophecies fulfilled by Jesus' birth.
- John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus.

Questions:

1. How does Matthew establish Jesus' lineage and why is it significant?
2. What Old Testament prophecies does Matthew cite in these chapters?
3. What is the significance of John the Baptist in preparing the way for Jesus?

Week 2: Teachings of Jesus (Sermon on the Mount)

Text: Matthew 4-7

Focus:

- Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.
- Beatitudes and ethical teachings.
- Prayer and fasting.

Questions:

1. What were the temptations Jesus faced and how did He respond?
2. How do the Beatitudes define the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven?
3. What does Jesus teach about prayer and fasting in these chapters?

Week 3: The Authority and Miracles of Jesus

Text: Matthew 8-10

Focus:

- Healing miracles.
- Calling of the disciples.
- Instructions for the mission of the disciples.

Questions:

1. List the miracles performed by Jesus in these chapters. What do they demonstrate about His authority?
2. How does Jesus call and prepare His disciples for their mission?
3. What instructions does Jesus give to His disciples about the Kingdom of Heaven?

Week 4: The Kingdom Parables

Text: Matthew 11-13

Focus:

- Responses to Jesus' ministry.
- Parables about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Questions:

1. How do different people respond to Jesus' message and miracles in these chapters?
2. Summarize the parables in chapter 13. What do they teach about the Kingdom of Heaven?

Week 5: Instructions and Conflicts

Text: Matthew 14-20

Focus:

- Miracles of provision and healing.
- Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah.
- Jesus teaches about greatness and service.

Questions:

1. Describe the miraculous events in these chapters. How do they emphasize Jesus' power?
2. What is Peter's confession and why is it pivotal in Matthew's Gospel?
3. How does Jesus redefine greatness in His Kingdom?

Week 6: Clashes with Religious Leaders

Text: Matthew 21-25

Focus:

- The triumphal entry.
- Teachings in the Temple.
- The Olivet Discourse.

Questions:

1. What is the significance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
2. How does Jesus challenge the religious leaders in these chapters?

3. Summarize the Olivet Discourse. What does Jesus teach about the end times and His return?

Week 7: The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus

Text: Matthew 26-28

Focus:

- The Last Supper and Jesus' arrest.
- Crucifixion and resurrection.
- The Great Commission.

Questions:

1. What events lead up to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus?
2. How do the resurrection accounts affirm Jesus' victory over death?
3. What is the significance of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20?

Section 3: Key Words and Phrases in Matthew

Words/Phrases to Note:

- Kingdom of Heaven (mentioned 33 times)
- The Father who is in Heaven (mentioned 22 times)
- Son of David (mentioned 8 times)
- Fulfillment of Prophecy (emphasized 65 times)

Section 4: Application and Reflection

Reflective Questions:

1. How does understanding Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies deepen your faith?
2. What are practical ways you can live out the ethical teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount?
3. How can you actively participate in Jesus' Great Commission in your daily life?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Reading: Commit to reading a chapter a day from Matthew this week.
2. Prayer Focus: Pray through the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), reflecting on each petition.
3. Community Engagement: Share the teachings of Jesus with someone in your community and discuss how it can impact your lives.
4. Journal: Keep a journal of insights and applications as you read through Matthew. Reflect on how Jesus' teachings challenge and change your perspectives.

Section 5: Additional Resources

- Commentaries: Enduring Word
- Bible Study Tools: Blue Letter Bible, Enduring Word

- Online Sermons and Lectures: “Searchlight” Jon Courson, Calvary Chapel Vero Beach with Jim Gallagher, Calvary Chapel Lynchburg with Troy Warner.

Section 6: Closing Thoughts

The Gospel of Matthew offers a profound and multifaceted portrayal of Jesus Christ, His life, His teachings, and His Kingdom. By studying Matthew diligently, you will uncover the richness of Jesus’ mission and the implications for your faith journey. Let this guide assist you in deepening your understanding and relationship with Jesus, who is Emmanuel - God with us.

End your study time with prayer, asking God to continually reveal insights from His Word and to help you apply them to your daily life. Happy studying!