









MASTERCLASS

A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

WEEKLY GUIDE

MASTERCLASS WEEK 3 | MATTHEW 11-13

WEEKLY CHECKLIST

-  PRINT WEEKLY GUIDE
-  READ DAILY DEVOTIONALS
-  GROUP DISCUSSION
-  WATCH WEEKEND SERMON
-  WATCH WEEKLY DEBRIEF
-  PROCESS & APPLY

READ AND OBSERVE

- BEFORE YOU MEET WITH YOUR GROUP, READ THROUGH MATTHEW CHAPTERS 11-13.
- WRITE DOWN 2-3 OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE CHAPTER. WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU?
WHAT IS INTERESTING? WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?
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- WRITE DOWN 2-3 QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE CHAPTER. WHAT IS CONFUSING?
WHAT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN MIND TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP.
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THINK

- IMAGINE YOU WOKE UP IN ANOTHER TOWN FAR AWAY FROM WHERE YOU LIVE; YOU HAVE NO IDENTIFICATION ON YOU AND YOU HAVE TO PROVE WHO YOU ARE. HOW WOULD YOU DO IT? WHAT EVIDENCE WOULD YOU PROVIDE TO PROVE TO OTHERS YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE?
- WHAT DOES JESUS DO AND SAY TO PROVE WHO HE IS IN THESE CHAPTERS? WHAT EVIDENCE DOES HE PROVIDE? WHAT EVIDENCE DOES THE AUTHOR, MATTHEW, PROVIDE? (SEE MATTHEW 11:4-6, 11:16-18, 12:3-13, 12:15-21, 12:23-28, 12:39-40)
- FILL IN THE BLANK USING CH 13:3. JESUS SPOKE TO THE CROWDS IN _____.
DO A QUICK INTERNET SEARCH ON THIS WORD. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
- REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES (MATTHEW 13:10-17, 13:34-35, MARK 4:33-34). BASED ON THESE VERSES, WHY DO YOU THINK THAT JESUS SPOKE IN PARABLES?
- CHAPTERS 11-13 IDENTIFY THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF AUDIENCES WHO INTERACT WITH JESUS: DISCIPLES, "PEOPLE" IN GENERAL, AND PHARISEES. FILL IN THE CHART BELOW NOTING YOUR OBSERVATIONS OF EACH OF THESE TYPES OF PEOPLE.

	DISCIPLES	PHARISEES/PEOPLE
BEHAVIOR OBSERVED		



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THINK CONTINUED...

- REVIEW THE PARABLE OF THE SEED SOWER (MATTHEW 13:3-8) AND JESUS' EXPLANATION OF THE PARABLE (MATTHEW 13:18-23). FILL IN THE TABLE BELOW TO SHOW THE CORRESPONDING TRUTH THAT RELATES TO THE IMAGE IN THE PARABLE:

VERSES	PARABLE IMAGE	CORRESPONDING TRUTH
13:3, 13:19	SEED	THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE KINGDOM.
13:4, 13:19	THE PATH	
13:5-6 13:20-21	ROCKY PLACES/ GROUND	
13:7, 13:22	THORNS	
13:8, 13:23	GOOD SOIL	

- JESUS SHARES SEVEN PARABLES IN CHAPTER 13. DO YOU THINK THAT PEOPLE TODAY WOULD RESPOND IN THE SAME WAY OR DIFFERENTLY TO THESE PARABLES? WHY OR WHY NOT?
- IN THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS (13:36-43), JESUS STATES THAT THE WEEDS ARE "ALL WHO DO EVIL" AND THAT THEY WILL BE "THROWN INTO THE BLAZING FURNACE, WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH." HOW WOULD PEOPLE TODAY RESPOND TO THAT MESSAGE? WOULD JESUS CHANGE THIS MESSAGE FOR TODAY? WHY OR WHY NOT?

PROCESS & APPLY

- JESUS DID AND SAID MANY THINGS THAT WERE CULTURALLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIS TIME (E.G. SOCIALIZING WITH OBVIOUS SINNERS (11:19)), DOING WORK ON THE SABBATH (12:10). WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR TODAY THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED CULTURALLY INAPPROPRIATE? HOW MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO LIVE COUNTER CULTURALLY?
- CHAPTER 13:44-45 LIKENS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN TO A HIDDEN TREASURE AND A PEARL OF GREAT VALUE. IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU WOULD BE UNWILLING TO GIVE UP OR SELL IN ORDER TO GAIN A GREAT TREASURE? WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING ON TO THAT MIGHT BE STANDING IN THE WAY OF YOU PURSUING GOD'S KINGDOM?