

Week 6 | Matt 17:14 – 21:22

Day One

Pray + Read Matthew 17:14-27

What stands out particularly to you in this passage?

Why do you think the disciples were unable to heal the demon-possessed boy?

Imagine yourself in the disciple's shoes as they hear the prediction of this death. How would you react?

Pray. That your faith might be effectively rooted in the love of Christ. Ask him to help you today to be a witness to his grace in your life. Pray for your friends who do not know God.

Day Two

Pray + Read Matthew 18

What does child-like faith look like in your life?

What behaviours might cause others to stumble?

Do you find it hard to forgive others? How does grace affect that perspective?

Pray. Thank God that he invites us into a personal relationship with him. Ask him for things that you need today. Pray for those in your life who are sick, hurting or need to know God's grace. Pray that you will grow in faith and humility.

Day Three

Pray + Read Matthew 19

What do the Genesis passages reference in verses 4 and 5 say the characteristics of marriage are?

What did the young man idolise?

What do you gain by following Christ at the cost of everything else?

Pray. Ask God to show you things that you idolise or put before God in your life. You might write them out and commit each to God. Thank him for his good gift in your life.

Day Four

Pray + Read Matthew 20: 1-28

Look again over the parable of the workers. What does it teach us about God's generosity? What do you notice now you didn't before?

What portrait of a leader does Jesus give when the disciples ask to rule alongside him?

Pray: God would give you a heart like his, that you would long to see people join his kingdom. Pray for people by name. Ask God to help you have opportunities to show grace as you've been shown by God.

Day Five

Pray + Read Matthew 21: 12-22

Why do you think Jesus is angry with people in the temple courts? Do you think it's Justified?

Jesus goes into the temple expecting great – a house of prayer but he finds that it has been turned into a market, similarly, the fig tree doesn't have fruit. The roots of both have gone wrong. Why do you think Jesus then talks about faith and prayer?

Pray. Ask God for more trust in him so that you will be rooted in faith and able to produce good fruit. Ask that God would show you areas in your life and heart that you need to cut down. Thank God that he answers our prayers.