

Week 4 | Matt 12:1 - 13:58

Day One

Pray + Read Matthew 12:1-371.

Why do you think the Pharisees want to kill Jesus?

Jesus teaches that the mouth speaks what the heart is full of (v35). How would you evaluate what your heart is full of?

How does Jesus show that individual context needs to be considered when observing the Law (specifically regarding the Sabbath)?

Prayer: Praise God that we are not saved by human laws or by doing specific things, but instead we are justified by our faith in Jesus Christ. Thank God for how we are able to show this grace to others in our lives to show the love of God that has been graciously given to us.

Day Two

Pray + Read Matthew 12:38-50

What does Jesus say about Jonah?

What do you think is the sign that this generation will receive? (Hint: What does the story of Jonah sound like?)

Verses 43-45 describe the consequences for incomplete repentance. What are they?

What does Jesus show are the consequences for complete repentance in verse 43-45?

Prayer: Ask God that we would be fully repentant of our sins. Praise God that he has shown his power through signs recorded so that we might believe that he is God. Thank God that those stories of the signs like Jonah have been recorded faithfully in His word so that we might clearly see God.

Day Three

Pray + Read Matthew 13:1-23

Draw the four fields below and the fate of each of the seeds.

Is the seed the same in the parable? What affects the seeds growth?

In your above drawing, mark an x where you think you are and an o where you want to be.

How can you get there? What can you do?

Prayer: Praise God that He is the Sower, and His Word is the seeds. Ask God to reveal what field you are and how you can grow into a field that cultivates the word of God, putting it into action.

Day Four

Pray + Read Matthew 13:24-43

What does the first parable describe in terms of evil?

What does the second parable describe in terms of growing faith?

What does the Psalmist say that the parables reveal quoted in verse 35?

How does the message of the parable of the weeds make you feel?

Prayer: Ask God to grow you, ask for opportunities for growth. Praise God for how He is Judge and Saviour, that he is both merciful and just. Thank God that he continues to grow your faith and that He has revealed the truth about His will by the Spirit in His word.

Day Five

Pray + Read Matthew 13:44-58

How does the parable of the pearl show how joy motivates sacrifice?

How do you find joy in the Kingdom of heaven?

Which of the parables resonate with you the most? Why?

Why do you think people in his hometown think Jesus isn't a prophet?

Prayer: Read Psalm 16. Put on your favourite song that is about God. Reflect on the Psalm and the song today and consider how joy is more than a feeling that we feel when we are happy about what God does.