

WEEK 2 | Matt 5:30 – 8:22

Day One

Pray + Read Matthew 5:30-48

Why is God the judge of all oaths?

How do you think these two teachings fight against legalism or follow the letter of the law and not the purpose behind the law?

If we cannot do anything by ourselves, (v36) how are you going to remain dependent on God every day?

Prayer: Ask God for maturity when it comes to commitments that you make to others. Praise God, that through Him, everything is sustained and given life. Thank God for the gift of marriage, that it brings together a man and a woman in unity under His rule and support.

Day Two

Pray + Read Matthew 6:1-24

What does Jesus say about how we ought to conduct our giving, prayer and fasting?

Have you considered fasting? What other things could you fast from besides food?

How would you recommend keeping your eyes healthy?

Prayer: Ask God to continue to help you in showing His kingdom and calling disciples. Praise God that He gives us the Spirit to enable us to discern our sin in our lives. Give thanks for the Spirit continues to sanctify us, making us more attuned to God's will.

Day Three

Pray + Read Matthew 6:25–7:12

What do you worry about? Spend time recording and giving it to God in prayer.

Do you think you should still worry about these things after reading Jesus' teaching in this passage?

What does seeking the kingdom (v33) look like day by day?

How do you plan this week to be more dependent on God?

Prayer: Bring God your worries by name. Tell God what worries you about them and ask for clarity around them. Thank God that he provides true rest from all worries that we have. Praise God that he provides for us even when we are ungrateful.

Day Four

Pray + Read Matthew 7:13-29

What does Jesus mean by fruits in verses 16-20?

What is the foundation that Jesus refers to the wise and foolish builders?

Jesus teachings are said to amaze the crowd. What about his teaching from this week has amazed you?

Prayer: Read Psalm 13. Ask God to help you be discerning when looking for other's fruit in their walk with Christ. Praise God for the ways you think he is amazing. Thank God that he provides reason to why we should follow Him and build our foundation on His truth.

Day Five

Pray + Read Matthew 8:1-22

To whom does Jesus demonstrate his healing power that the Jewish people would have seen as unclean?

Using today's passage, how would you show that faith is what Jesus desires? What is the cost of this faith?

Looking back in Matthew, what does Jesus say we gain when we put our faith in Jesus (hint: Chapter 6)?

Prayer: Praise God for His free offer of salvation. Ask God to grow in you a faith that saves, a faith that acts on what you believe. Thank God for His mercy and healing power to everyone, especially the weak and vulnerable.