

# ON TO MATURITY

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# MATTHEW STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions have been designed to help make your study of the Book of Matthew practical for you. It is important that you answer these questions honestly from your heart.

The Book is divided into 28 chapters. Each chapter is further divided into verses. Questions have been written from each chapter. To answer the question refer to the verse("V") in the left hand margin.

The Book of Matthew is a study of the ministry of Jesus Christ as recorded by one of his disciples Matthew a Jewish Tax Collector. Matthew was with Jesus from the beginning of his ministry in A.D. 30 until Jesus' death approximately 3 years later. Matthew was then one of the first Jews who converted to Christianity when the Church began in approximately AD33. We will begin with chapter 3.

## Chapter 3

- v1: John the Baptist was very concerned about repentance. What does it mean to repent?
- v10: What are some examples of good fruit in your life?

## Chapter 4

- v1: What is your concept of the devil (Satan)?
- v4: When Jesus was tempted he depended upon Scriptures he knew in the Bible to fight off the temptation. What helps you to fight temptation?
- v19: A disciple has a specific purpose. What does it mean to be "Fisher of Men"?
- v20: When Jesus called the fishermen to be disciples what was their response?

## Chapter 5

- v21-22: List the names of any people you either feel angry towards now or still have bad feelings towards from the past
- v28: What is lust?
- v30: What sins do you need to cut off from your life today? (For a list of things that are sins turn to **Galatians 5:19-21** and **2Timothy 3:1-5**)

## Chapter 6

- v20: What is your treasure on earth?
- v24: In what ways do you serve both God and Money?
- v33: What is God's Kingdom?

## Chapter 7

- v5:** Describe 2 situations in which you were a hypocrite in the last week?
- v13-14:** Why is the road to God narrow if God loves everyone?
- v24:** What standard have you built your life on?

## Chapter 8

- v8:** Why was Jesus so impressed with the centurion's faith? Would he be impressed with your life?
- v18-22:** What type of commitment does Jesus expect from his disciples?

## Chapter 9

- v12:** Do you consider yourself spiritually healthy or spiritually sick? Why?
- v16-17:** What needs to change in your attitude for you to be a new wine skin?
- v36:** What causes you to feel harassed and helpless?

## Chapter 10

- v17:** Why did Jesus tell his disciples to be shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves as they were teaching people about him?
- v36:** Jesus said that the people who would most oppose you in your decision to follow him would be members of your own family. What is that?

## Chapter 11

- v12:** Why does Jesus predict that only 'forceful' men will take hold of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- v29:** Two characteristics of Jesus are humility and gentleness. Are you like Jesus in this way?

## Chapter 12

- v34-37:** Jesus is very concerned about your heart. A measure of the condition of our heart is what comes out of our mouth. How would Jesus judge your heart?

## Chapter 13

- v1-9:** The different soils are different types of hearts.
- v4:** This path is hard heart towards God.
- v5:** The rocky soil is an emotional heart that gets very excited about God at times and forgets God at other times.
- v7:** The thorny soil is heart that feels the need to know God but the pressure of daily life and fear of people prevents it.
- v8:** The good soil is the heart that is devoted to knowing God and helping others to know God.  
Which type are you? Why?

**v14-15:** What does this passage say is the problem with our heart that keeps us from understanding the Bible?

#### **Chapter 14**

**v13-16:** As Jesus walked with disciples he was constantly challenging them to not be selfish. In what ways are you selfish?

**v28-33:** Why did Peter begin to sink?

#### **Chapter 15**

**v8-9:** How do you honour God with your lips and not your heart?

**v17-19:** What does Jesus mean when he says evil comes from inside of us? How does it get there?

#### **Chapter 16**

**v16:** What does it mean to be Christ the Son of the living God? Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son?

**v24:** How must we deny ourselves?

#### **Chapter 17**

**v20:** The disciples were doing the right things but without faith. Why does faith matter?

#### **Chapter 18**

**v3:** How must you change to have the faith of child?

**v12-13:** Why was Jesus happy about finding the one sheep when he had 99 others?

**v35:** What does it mean to forgive someone from your heart?

#### **Chapter 19**

**v29:** We will have to give up something to follow Jesus but he makes a great promise here. What is the promise?

#### **Chapter 20**

**v1-12:** Jesus is teaching that no matter when you enter the Kingdom of God you are all the same in importance. Do you agree with that?

#### **Chapter 21**

**v28-30:** Are you more like the first son or the second son?

#### **Chapter 22**

**v1-10:** The wedding banquet represents the Kingdom of God. Why would people not want to come?

## Chapter 23

**v27-28:** Hidden sin makes us appear righteous on the outside but have evil inside. Do you have any sin in your heart that you've never told anyone?

## Chapter 24

**v14:** What does '**the end will come**' mean?

**v44:** What must you do to be ready?

## Chapter 25

**v1-13:** How are you like the foolish virgins or the wise virgins in this parable?

**v21:** How do you use your talents for God?

## Chapter 26

**v36-45:** Why did Jesus have to go back and pray three times?

**v75:** Why did Peter weep bitterly?

## Chapter 27

**v24:** Why did Pilate wash his hands in front of the crowd? What was the weakness in his character?

**v46:** Why did Jesus feel like God has forsaken him?

## Chapter 28

**v5-7:** What is the difference between resurrection and reincarnation?

**v18-20:** The last command Jesus gave is now the purpose for each person who becomes a Christian. What is the command?



## ACTS STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions have been designed to help, make your study of the Books of Acts practical for you. It is important that you answer these questions honestly. From your heart.

Acts has 28 chapters. To answer the questions, refer the verse [ 'v' ] in the left hand margin. Acts was written by Luke. The doctor, who accompanied Paul on many of his missionary journeys. Luke also interviewed many eyewitnesses of the events in Acts. Acts was written around 63 A.D., before Paul and Peter were killed by the Romans [around 68 A.D.].

### ACTS - 1

- v7: Why is it wrong to try to predict the future?
- v13-14: What did the followers of Jesus often do?
- v21-22: What is an apostle?

### ACTS - 2

- v36: Why did Peter say that these thousands of people had killed Jesus?
- v47: Why was church growing so much?

### ACTS - 3

- v6: What could Peter give to him?
- v19: What does it mean to repent? How do we feel after we repent?

### ACTS - 4

- v8: How did the Holy Spirit help Peter?
- v13: Why were Peter and John so courageous?
- v23-30: What did they pray for?

### ACTS - 5

- v1-11: What was Ananias and Sapphira's sin?
- v17: Why were they jealous?
- v23-30: What did Gamaliel think of the apostles?

### ACTS - 6

- v11-13: Why did the Jews tell lies about Stephen?

### ACTS - 7

- v51-53: What made Stephen so bold?
- v58-60: What kind of impact did Stephen's speech and death have on Saul [later known as Paul - Acts 13:9]?

**ACTS - 8**

- v12:** What was the difference between Simon and Philip?
- v18:** Who could give the Spirit by the laying on of hands?
- v19-20:** What was Simon's problem?
- v26-40:** How can you tell the eunuch was seeking God?

**ACTS - 9**

- v1-19:** At what point exactly did Paul become a Christian?
- v19-20:** Name 2 things that showed that Paul was zealous young Christian.
- v22:** Why were people so baffled [surprised]?

**ACTS - 10**

- v1-2:** What kind of man was Cornelius?
- v24-27:** What do you learn about Cornelius here?

**ACTS - 11**

- v22-24:** Why was Barnabas glad when he arrived in Antioch?

**ACTS - 12**

- v5:** How did the Christians react when Peter was arrested?
- v24:** What was the effect of persecution on the church?

**ACTS - 13**

- v44:** Did the early Christians bring many visitors to church?
- v48-52:** Why were the Christians happy even though their leaders were kicked out of the area?

**ACTS - 14**

- v9:** What healed the man? How can we apply this to ourselves?
- v20:** What do you learn here about Paul's character?

**ACTS - 15**

- v38:** Why did Paul not want to take John?

**ACTS - 16**

- v14:** As of V.14, was Lydia a Christian?
- v33:** When the jailer washed their wounds, what does that show about him?

**ACTS - 17**

- v5:** Why were the Jews jealous?
- v11:** Why were the Bereans called 'noble' in character?
- v16-18:** In what ways is Athens like cities we live in today?
- v24-29:** What is God like?
- v30:** How does God feel today about idol worship?

**ACTS - 18**

- v6:** What did Paul do when the Jews opposed him?
- v9-11:** What did Jesus tell Paul? How did Paul react to this?
- v12-17:** What kind of person was Gallio?
- v26:** How did Priscilla and Aquila treat Apollos?

**ACTS - 19**

- v8-10:** What do you learn about Paul's evangelism here?
- v18:** Why did people confess their sins?
- v23-27:** Why were Demetrius and his friends upset?

**ACTS - 20**

- v24:** What does this show us about Paul?

**ACTS - 21**

- v13:** What kind of disciple was Paul?

**ACTS - 22**

- v14-15:** What was Paul's mission? What is ours?

**ACTS - 23**

- v12-15:** What were the Jews planning to do to Paul?
- v16:** How was Paul saved from their plan?

**ACTS - 24**

- v24-27:** What kind of man was Felix? Did he ever become a Christian?

**ACTS - 25**

- v19:** What did Paul teach about Jesus?

**ACTS - 26**

- v21:** Why did the Jews try to kill Paul?
- v29:** What made Paul so bold?

**ACTS - 27**

- v9-11:** What advice did Paul give them? Did they listen?
- v13-21:** What happened to them after this?

**ACTS - 28**

- v7-9:** Why did Paul go to see Publius' father? What was his purpose?
- v31:** Even though Paul was locked in his own house, what did he do?



## GOD'S STANDARDS FOR US

In every relationship and in every situation, we are to exhibit the character of Jesus Christ through our obedience to God's Word.

What am I to do:

**As a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, I will:**

1. Love God with all my heart, mind, soul and strength by responding in loving obedience to His Word' regardless of how I feel (based on 1Samuel 15:22-23, Matthew 22:37-40, John 14:15, Galatians 5:16-17, 1John 5:3).
2. Worship the Lord only (Deut 6:13, Ps. 29:2, Matt. 4:10) both individually and with other disciples (Acts 2:42-46, 5:12, 20:7, 1Cor. 14:26, 16:2, Col. 3:16, Heb 10:23-25).
3. Be in the habit of attending meetings of the body (Heb.10:23-25).
4. Be a fisher of men (Mark 1:17).
5. Preserve the unity of the body of Christ ( 1Cor. 1:10, 12:22-26, Ephisians 4:1-3, Phil. 2:1-4).
6. Study and memorize God's Word (Psalm 1:1-3, 119:11, 2Tim. 2:15)
7. Receive (accept) and heed (take seriously) correction and instruction (i.e. be discipled) (Pro. 1:2-5, 9:7-9, 11:4, 16:20, 19:20, Heb 12:5, Col. 3:16, Rom. 15:14).
8. Be an example to others (Matt. 5:16, 1Cor. 11:1, 1Timothy 4:12).
9. Be gentle in correction of others (Gal. 6:1, 2Timothy 2:24-26) and restore those, caught up in sin, in the Lord, to others and to usefulness in the body of Christ (Matt. 18:15-20, Luke 17: 3-4, Rom.15:14 Gal. 6:1-5).
10. Be honest and truthful (Eph. 4:15, 25) and speak in an edifying manner (Eph. 4:29, Col 4:6) and return a blessing when cursed (Rom.12: 14, 1Peter 3:8-9).
11. Be a peacemaker and live at peace with others ( Matthew 5:9, Romans 12: 18) and reconcile with anyone who has something against me (Matt.5:23-24).

12. Deny myself and consider others as more important than myself (Luke 9:23-25, Phil. 2:3-8), serving them as Jesus did (Mathew 20:26-28, John 13:12-17, Ephesians 6:7-8).
13. Do my own work and do it whole heartedly as for the Lord (Colossians 3:23-24, 1Thessalonians 4:11-12, 2Thess. 3:10-12).
14. Exercise self-control and discipline (2Corinthians 5:14-15, Galatians 5:23, 1Timothy 4:7-8).
15. Forgive from the heart (before the Lord) anyone who has sinned against me and be ready to grant forgiveness to anyone who asks me (Matthew 18: 21-22, 35, Mark 11:25-26, Luke 17:3-4).
16. Practice biblical love in all my relationships (Matthew 5:44, John 13:33-34, Romans 13:8,10, 1Corinthians 13:4-8a; Ephesians 5:25, Titus 2:2-4).
17. Marry only someone who belongs to the Lord (1Cor. 7:39).
18. Honor God with my body ( 1Corinthians 6:19-20).
19. Rid myself of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander of every kind, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, gossip, arrogance, disorder, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions, sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft, hatred, discord, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like; evil thoughts, theft, murder, adultery, greed, lewdness, and folly, homosexuality, swindling, self-indulgence; obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking; lust, filthy language and lies. (I Pet. 2:1, 2Cor. 12:20, 1Tim 6:4, Gal. 5:19-20, Mark 7:21-22, 1Cor. 6:9-10, Matt. 23:23, Eph. 5:4, Col. 3:5-9).
20. Confess my sins to God and to other disciples (James 5:16; 1John 1:9, Numbers 5:5-7, Psalms 32:3-5).
21. Set aside a sum of money in keeping with my income, saving it up for God's work and give cheerfully. (1Cor. 16:2, 2Cor. 9:6-12).
22. Share with those in need (Ephesians 4:28, 1Tim 6:17-19, James 2:15-16).
23. Use my abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts for God and to build up the Church (based on Matthew 25:14 -30, Romans 12:3-8, 1Cor. 12:7, Ephesians 4:11-12, 15-16, 1Peter 4:10-11).

24. Obey the leaders and submit to their authority so that their work will be a joy, not a burden (Hebrews 13:17) and
25. Rejoice always, even in the midst of trials (Phil. 4:4, 1Thess. 5:16, James 1:2-4).

**As a believing husband, I will:**

1. Love my wife as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25-33).
2. Live with my wife in an understanding way (1Peter 3:7).
3. Provide for my household (1Timothy5:8).

**As a believing wife, I will:**

1. Be a helper fit (Suitable) for my husband ( Genesis 2: 18).
2. Respect, love and be submissive to my husband (Eph. 5:22-24, 31,33, Titus 2:4-5, 1Peter 3: 1-6) and
3. Take care of needs in my household ( Prov. 31: 10-27, 1Tim. 5:14, Titus 2:5).

**As a believing husband/wife team, we will :**

1. Submit to one another ( Ephesians 5:21) and
2. Maintain unity in our relationship with one another (Gen. 2:22-24, Matthew 19:4-6, Ephesians 5:31).

**As a believing parent, we will:**

1. Lovingly train our children through instruction, discipline, and example (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:4) and
2. Avoid exasperating (provoking) our children ( Ephesians 6:4).

**As a believing child, I will:**

1. Obey my parents while under their authority and training (Eph. 6:1)
2. Honor my parents (Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Eph. 6:2) and
3. Heed and remember (listen to and take seriously) the teachings of my parents (Proverbs 1:8-9).

**As a believing employee, I will:**

1. Be obedient and submissive to my employer (based on Ephesians 6:5-8, Colossians 3:22, 1Timothy 6:1-2, Titus 2:9; 1Peter 2:18).

2. Honor my employer ( 1 Timothy 6: 1-2) and
3. Be honorable in all my dealings with my employer (1 Timothy 6:2, Titus 2:10).

**As a believing employer, I will:**

1. Act in fairness and with justice toward my employees (Col. 4:1) and
2. Give up threatening my employees (Ephesians 6:9).

**As scripturally qualified ministry leader, I will:**

1. Be worthy of the trust placed in me (based on 1 Timothy 3:1-15, Titus 1:6-9, 2:7-8, 1 Pet 5: 1-3), discipling others so that they will be able to teach others also ( 2 Tim 2:2) and
2. Correct (admonish, instruct) others in gentleness, always seeking to restore them to the Lord (based on Matt. 18:15-20, Gal. 6: 1-2, 2 Timothy 2: 24-26)



# YOUR FIRST FORTY DAYS AS A CHRISTIAN

## DAY ONE : “SAVED COMPLETELY”

What God has done for you through your baptism into Christ is truly ‘AMAZING’!

### **Colossians 1: 21-23**

1. What was your relationship with God before today?  
What had you done to make God your enemy?
2. What does it mean to be holy/without blemish/free from accusation?
3. What condition is there to staying saved (vs 23).

### **1John 3: 1-4**

1. As a “child of God” what should your attitude be?
2. How can you begin to purify yourself”?

### **Hebrews 9:24-28/ Heb 10:19-23**

1. What has Jesus’ sacrifice done for you?
2. How can you draw near to God with a sincere heart?

### **Psalms 103:1-5**

1. What has God done with your sins? Write other “benefits” God has done for you (vs 2).

### **APPLICATION :**

Praise God and thank Him for saving you! Write a thank you prayer to God.



## DAY TWO : “TESTED AND TEMPTED”

### **Matthew 3: 16-4:11**

1. What happened to Jesus after his baptism? What should you expect after your baptism?
2. How was Jesus tempted to question his relationship with God? God’s plan for him?
3. How has Satan tempted you with doubts/insecurity/fears since your baptism?
4. How did Jesus use the Bible to fight temptation. How does the Bible expose Satan’s lies?

## **Ephesians 6:10-18**

1. How might the devil scheme against you?
2. What armor has God provided to keep you strong?
3. What is our only “weapon” against Satan (**vs 17**)?

### **APPLICATION:**

Expect to be tempted and decide to be open about your struggles talk with another Christian today about your temptations and pray together.



## **DAY THREE : “GROWING ROOTS”**

### **Luke 8:13**

1. What happens to young disciples who don’t grow “roots”?

### **Acts 2: 41-47/ Acts 4: 32-37**

1. What helped keep these young disciples faithful?
2. Are You devoting yourself to the same things they did (**2:42**)?
3. How can you deepen your relationships in the Church?

### **1Thess 1:2-10**

1. What does it mean to have “deep conviction”? How can you develop conviction?
2. Who should you imitate ? In what ways?
3. Are you becoming a “model” to others? How?

### **APPLICATION :**

Spend time this week with Christians you can imitate/encourage/learn from.



## **DAY FOUR: “LEARNING TO PRAY”**

### **Luke 11:1-13**

1. Why does prayer need to be learned? Who are you learning from?
2. (**vs 2-4**) How can you praise God’s name? Do you pray for God’s kingdom (church to increase)? Do you pray for daily needs and for forgiveness for yourself and to also forgive others? Do you pray for help and protection from temptations?
3. What else does Jesus want us to understand about prayer in **verses 5-13**?

**A. C. T. S -**

A simple outline for prayer is: Adoration (Praise). Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (requests). If you pray 10 minutes of each section, you will pray powerful 40 minutes! Read Psalms to learn how to really praise God.

**Philippians 4:6-7**

1. What does God want you to pray about?
2. What are some worries you can pray about today?
3. Do you feel at peace when you pray to God? Trust he will answer !

**APPLICATION :**

Pray following the Lord's prayer outline or using A. C. T. S Write down some of your prayer requests and see how God answers them.



**DAY FIVE : "THE GRACE OF GOD"**

**Romans 5: 6-11**

1. How were you powerless when Christ died for you?
2. What proves God's incredible love for you?

**Titus 3:3-8/Titus 2:11-14**

1. Why do we need to be reminded about our old way of life?
2. What did you do to earn God's forgiveness?
3. How should you respond to the grace of God?
4. Describe how you can be self - controlled and eager to do good works.

**1Corinthians 15:9-10/ 2Timothy 1: 7-12.**

1. How did Paul show his gratitude to God?

**APPLICATION :**

Write down ( and do ) 3 things today that will show God how grateful you are to be saved!



## DAY SIX : “TOO GOOD TO KEEP”

### 2 Kings 7:3-11

1. How were you starving and without hope like the 4 lepers before being baptized?
2. How is the kingdom of God like an unlimited feast?
3. How does **verse 9** apply to being a disciple? Do you have the same attitude?

### Romans 10:1-4/14-21

1. Do you feel like Paul does about the lost?
2. Who does God send to preach?
3. Will everyone accept the good news? Why?
4. Why is it important to preach no matter what response you receive?

### Psalm 116:1-14

1. How can you repay the Lord for all his goodness to you?

### APPLICATION :

Set a “goal for faith” for yourself in evangelism today. Refuse to be discouraged !



## DAY SEVEN : “THE FAMILY OF GOD”

### Mark 3:31-33

1. Why did Jesus have to make a choice between his physical and his spiritual one?
2. Who are the people who are closest to you? What choices do you have to make? Are God’s people really your family?

### 1Peter 1:22

1. What is “Sincere Love”? How can you love deeply from the heart?
2. Who have you loved this much in your life before? How does your love for the disciples need to grow?

### 2Corinthians 5:16-17

1. What are some worldly ways you have looked at people before?
2. How do you need to change your way of seeing people? (be specific).

### 1Timothy 5:1-12

1. Who are some people in your ministry that can become like spiritual “Fathers, Mothers, Brothers and Sisters” in your life?



## **APPLICATION :**

This week schedule time to spend with two Christians in your team that you have not spent time with before.



## **DAY EIGHT : “THE HOPE OF GLORY”**

### **1Corinthians 15:19**

1. Why does our hope in Christ go beyond this earthly life?
2. Why are we as Christians to be pitied if there is no eternal life?

### **1Corinthians 15:42-58**

1. What is the mystery Paul tells us (Vs.51)?
2. Why do we normally fear death - and why should we no longer be afraid of dying?
3. How should we work for the Lord? What will happen when we give ourselves completely ?

### **Colossians 3:1-4**

1. When were you raised with Christ?
2. What you should be thinking about from now on?
3. What things should you stop thinking about so much?

## **APPLICATION :**

Think for a while about what heaven will be like. And don't forget to thank God every day for the opportunity to go th heaven!



## **DAY NINE : “TRIALS OF MANY KINDS”**

### **James 1:2-8**

1. Why does God allow us to go through trials?
2. What should your attitude be about going through trials?
3. What are the trials in your life right now?

### **James 1:12-15**

1. How can you persevere through trials and stand the test?
2. Where do temptations come from? What things tempt you? Have you talked about your temptations with God and with other disciples?

**1Peter 1:3-9**

1. Why should we rejoice in trials?
2. How can you know if your faith is genuine or not?
3. Write a list of some of the tests that could come your way (financially, Relationship, Persecution, etc.).
4. How can you prepare today for trials you may face later?

**APPLICATION:**

Talk with another disciple today about the trials and temptations you face. Discuss your attitude about trials. Be happy!

**DAY TEN : “PRAYING LIKE JESUS”****Mark 1:32-39**

1. What sacrifices did Jesus make to go and pray? Think of his previous day. What excuses could he have made to not pray?
2. When do you feel the need to pray? Do you ever make excuses not to pray?
3. How has your prayer time been the past 10 days?

**Hebrews 5:7-10**

1. What kind of prayer life did Jesus have?
2. What things besides going to the cross, would have been difficult for Jesus to obey?
3. What things are difficult for you to do as a disciple?
4. Have you been praying with loud cries and tears for God to help you be obedient?
5. What situations in your life do you need to pray more about? Make a list and be specific.

**APPLICATION:**

Spend time today praying about the things you wrote on your list. Be specific in your prayers . Try praying out loud and talking to God as if you could see Him. Tell Him how you feel about these things and what is difficult and why it is difficult and what you can change.

**Review the past 10 days applications. Have you put them all into practice?**



## DAY ELEVEN : “HOLDING TO THE TRUTH”

### 2Timothy 2:4-19

1. Why do some people like to quarrel about words and spread their own ideas around? Do you ever quarrel about words? Have you talked about it with another disciple?
2. How can you train yourself to be an approved workman?
3. Have you been involved in any discussions lately about God’s word or the church that were pointless or even harmful? How can you avoid godless chatter?

### 1Timothy 1:18-20

1. How can you fight the good fight?
2. How does a disciple “Shipwreck” their faith?
3. Remember Hymenaeus (2Tim.2:17,18) and Alexander (2Tim.4:14-15).
4. What is the outcome of people who turn away from the faith? How do they try to harm others?

### 1Timothy 4:15-16

1. Are you watching your life daily (as a disciple) and your doctrine (understanding The Bible)?
2. Has anyone noticed changes in you?

### 2Timothy 2:22-26

1. What should your attitude be towards those who oppose you?

### APPLICATION:

Discuss with your discipling partner any questions about doctrine or the church that you do not understand.



## DAY TWELVE : “DOING GOOD THINGS”

### Ephesians 2:10

1. What has God created for us to do?
2. Make a list of some good works that you could do.

### 1Peter 4:8-11

1. How does love cover over many sins?
2. Have you been offering hospitality to other disciples?
3. How can you improve in this?
4. What do you think God wants you to be giving to others?

**Galatians 6:9-10**

1. Who does God want us to help?
2. Who in your Bible talk has special needs right now that you could help with?

**APPLICATION:**

If you see needs you can meet, do it THIS WEEK. If you don't know how you can help, ASK. Remember : We need each other. We are family.



**DAY THIRTEEN : “ SAVED TO SERVE”**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

1. What will we be judged for on the last day?
2. Why is it not enough to simply give money to beggars?
3. Which of the 6 things listed in **verses 35-36** have you done recently?
4. Who are we really ignoring when we neglect the needy?

**Deuteronomy 15:7-10**

1. What does it mean to be “Hard-Hearted” or “Tight-Fisted”?
2. What kind of giving does God expect from you?
3. Who are some of the poor and needy around you - and how are you going to help them?

**Matthew 10:47**

1. What are some small acts of kindness that will not be forgotten by God?
2. How can you help the needy even if you have little money?

**James 1:27**

1. What is true religion in God's sight?
2. Who does God have a special concern for?

**APPLICATION:**

Who can you help today? Do it. Also make plans with another disciple to help other needy people this week.



## DAY FOURTEEN : “ A NEW CREATION”

### 2Corinthians 5:17

1. What are some of the “old” parts of you that are gone?
2. What are some of the “new” things you are becoming?

### Mark 2:21-22

1. How new must you be?
2. What is difference between adding on new habits and being changed from the inside?
3. Are you like an old wineskin or a new one? Why?

### Romans 12:2

1. What are some examples of worldly thinking in your life?
2. How can you change your thinking?

### Ephesians 4:17-5:2

1. How does God describe your old way of thinking and living?
2. Who were you created to be like? Why is it so important to keep on forgiving each other?
3. What does it mean to live a life of love?

### APPLICATION:

Ask your discipler or a Christian who knows you well, how they see worldly attitudes or habits in your life?



## DAY FIFTEEN : “THE HOPE OF HEAVEN”

### Revelation 20:11-15

1. Imagine what the day of judgement will be like. Who will be there?
2. How will everyone be feeling?

### Revelation 21:1-8

1. Who is the bride of Christ?
2. Describe heaven. 3. Check yourself against **verse 8**. Are any of these sins in your life?

### Revelation 22:1-6

1. What other eternal joys will be in heaven?
2. Why does God want us to know these words as trustworthy and true?

**Revelation 22:14-15**

1. Are any of these sins in your life?

**APPLICATION:**

Pray about what God promises in heaven! If there are any sins you need to confess and change, do it today!



**DAY SIXTEEN : “SAVED TO SAVE”**

**1Peter 2:9,10**

1. What does it mean to be a royal priesthood?
2. What message should you be sharing?
3. Are you really declaring God’s praises or just giving out an invitation?

**2Corinthians 5:14-21**

1. How can you tell if you are living for yourself or living for Jesus?
2. What does it mean to be Christ’s ambassador?
3. Would Jesus be pleased with the way you represent him?
4. What does it mean to APPEAL to and IMPLORE people?
5. What attitude should you have towards the lost?

**Acts 17:16-34**

1. Why was Paul distressed?
2. What are some sights around your city that should distress you?
3. Where did Paul share his faith?
4. Why did Paul begin his message by commending the Athenians for being very religious?
5. What does this teach you about reaching out to religious people - even of different faiths?
6. How did the people respond to Paul’s message?

**APPLICATION:**

Write at least four things you have learnt today about evangelism from this study. Share your faith with these things in your mind.



## DAY SEVENTEEN : “DISTRACTED OR DEVOTED”

### Luke 10:38-42

1. Why was Martha distracted?
2. How was she feeling?
3. What are some things you have let distract you this week?
4. Are you more like Martha or Mary?
5. What did Mary choose?
6. How was it better?

### Luke 8:14

1. What does it mean to be “choked”?
2. What is the result?
3. What are the worries / money and business concerns, pleasures that are keeping you from growing more?

### Luke 12:35-40

1. Why do we need to stay alert and ready for Jesus?
2. How does Jesus feel when we get distracted from our purpose and start doing other things?

### APPLICATION:

If you have been distracted or wasted time, try writing a personal schedule everyday. Let another disciple help you.



## DAY EIGHTEEN: “LEARNING FROM OTHERS”

### Matthew 18:1-4

1. What kind of heart does God want us to have?
2. What qualities of children do we need to imitate?

### 1Thessalonians 5:12-14

1. Who is “over you” in the Lord?
2. Does it have anything to do with age or education?
3. Write the names of some Christians who work hard, set a good example and admonish you.
4. Are you showing them respect?
5. What kind of disciples need special help (vs.14)?
6. Have you been admonished for any of these problems?

**Psalms 119:99-100**

1. What gives us real maturity and understanding?
2. How is verse 100 opposite of how our society thinks?
3. What should your attitude be when you are being taught / disciplined / corrected by someone younger than yourself?

**1Timothy 4:11,12**

1. What does the Lord expect from young leaders?

**Psalms 32:8-10**

1. How can you not be like a horse or mule?

**APPLICATION:**

If you have resisted learning from younger disciples, repent today and seek them out to ask questions. If you are young yourself, set the believers a great example!



**DAY NINETEEN: “POWERFUL PRAYER”**

**1Chronicles 17:15-22**

1. What was David feeling as he prayed to God? Why?
2. How has the Lord treated you with undeserved honor and blessings?
3. How did God bless Israel?
4. How has he done even greater things for His people today?
5. What attitude towards God does this prayer express?

**Genesis 24:10-27**

1. Why do you think the Lord answered this prayer so quickly?
2. The servant's prayer was simple, but he had great faith. How can you tell?
3. What was the servant's first response to the answered prayer?
4. Are you remembering to thank God for every answered prayer?

**James 5:15-18**

1. What makes prayer powerful and effective?
2. Do you pray eagerly and earnestly?
3. Do you pray with great faith? Have you been righteous this week?

**APPLICATION:**

Make your prayer very specific today. Pray with faith and gratitude!



## DAY TWENTY: “TEMPTED BY THE WORLD”

### **Psalms 73:1-14**

1. What was the writer feeling as he looked at the wealthy, unsaved people around him?
2. Why did life seem unfair to him?
3. How have you envied people in the world?
4. Have you struggled with this since becoming a Christian? Have you talked about it?

### **Psalms 73:15-22**

1. What did he realize about their final destiny?
2. How is the “good life” like a dream that will end on judgement day?
3. How was the writer thinking when he was envying them?

### **Psalms 73:23-26**

1. What did the writer realize about his relationship with God?
2. Memorize **verses 25,26.**

### **1John 2:11-17**

1. What things in the world are you supposed to hate?
2. What worldly things are still attracting you?

### **APPLICATION:**

Talk with your discipler about your feelings about the world. What temptations you have been having.



## DAY TWENTY ONE : “REJOICE IN PERSECUTIONS”

### **Matthew 5:10-11**

1. What should make us rejoice in persecutions?
2. Have people insulted or spoken evil of you because of Jesus?
3. How did you feel?
4. Who else have been treated this way?

### **John 15:18-23**

1. How should we expect to be treated?
2. Why does the world hate us?
3. What makes people feel guilty when they see us become disciples?

**Acts 4:13-22**

1. What made Peter and John so bold?
2. Has anyone tried to stop you from teaching, speaking or worshipping Jesus?
3. How have you responded?

**Acts 5:17-29**

1. Jesus was persecuted out of envy (**Mark 15:10**); the apostles were arrested out of jealousy.
2. Why will we be persecuted or slandered?
3. By whom?
4. What was the apostles' reply when they were told to stop?

**Acts 5:40-42**

1. What made the apostles happy?

**APPLICATION:**

Let verse 42 be your theme today and everyday.



**DAY TWENTY TWO : “GIVING LIVING”**

**John 13:1-17**

1. How did Jesus show the full extent of his love?
2. What was he trying to teach them?
3. How can we obey **verse 17**?
4. Give specific examples.

**Acts 9:36-42**

1. Why was Dorcas so loved by everyone?
2. Who were her ‘special friends’?
3. Why do you think she did so much for them?
4. If you died today, what would you be remembered for?
5. What can we learn from Dorcas' life?

**Philippians 2:19-24**

1. What made Timothy different from the others?
2. What shows a genuine interest in the welfare of others?
3. How can you be more like Timothy?

**APPLICATION:**

Think of a practical way to show another disciple that you truly care. Do it today.

## DAY TWENTY THREE : “CONFESSING SIN”

### Psalm 3:1-7

1. How do we feel when we are hiding / not confessing our sin?
2. Have you felt this way since your baptism? Are there any sins you have been afraid to confess?

### Proverbs 28:13

1. Can we conceal our sins from God?
2. Who do we need to confess our sins to, besides God?
3. What effect will unconfessed sin have in our life?

### Luke 8:17

1. Why is it foolish to try to keep our sins hidden?

### Psalm 66:18-19

1. What else happens if we conceal or cherish sin?

### APPLICATION:

Take some time to think about any sins, attitude, action, thoughts - that are troubling you because you haven't shared them. Write them down and make sure you talk about them even today!



## DAY TWENTY FOUR : “FAMILY PRESSURES”

### Mark 3:20-21

1. Why do you think Jesus' family was upset with him?
2. Has anyone in your family tried to stop you from serving God because they think you are hurting yourself?
3. What would have happened if Jesus had agreed with them?

### John 7:1-9

1. What did Jesus' own brothers think about him?
2. Why didn't Jesus do what his family wanted?

### Matthew 10:37-39

1. List some examples or ways we can “love” our families more than we listen to Jesus.
2. If someone looked at your life, who would they say you love the most?

### APPLICATION:

Discuss any pressures you are feeling about family expectations with a strong disciple. Are there any changes you need to make?

## DAY TWENTY FIVE : “BEING OPEN”

### John 15:16

1. What did Jesus share with his disciples?
2. Are you this kind of a friend to other Christians?
3. Do they really know all about your life?

### 2Corinthians 6:11-13

1. What does it mean to speak freely?
2. Are you opening your hearts to others?
3. What are some feelings you aren't expressing to anyone?

### Proverbs 20:5

1. Are you helping others to disciple you by being open or does someone have to “draw you out” by asking many questions?

### APPLICATION:

Spend some time today writing down some feelings / plans, secret sins that you haven't been sharing. Discuss these things with another Christian this week. Be open!

**Review the past 10 days. Are you applying these studies to your life? What do you still need to be open about? Set up time with another disciple today!**



## DAY TWENTY SIX : “DEALING WITH DOUBTS”

### Matthew 11:1-6

1. After all that John the Baptist knew about Jesus, why do you think he began having doubts?
2. What did John do to deal with his doubts?
3. What should you do when doubts enter your mind?

### Matthew 10:16-17

1. Does this surprise you? Read on and see what Jesus told his doubting disciples to do.

### 1Corinthians 15:11-14

1. What were the Christians in Corinth doubting? They had believed at first but later some begin to doubt.
2. What are some teachings you have doubted after believing?

**Luke 24:31-45**

1. Where do you think doubts come from?
2. How did Jesus help them to find faith?

**APPLICATION:**

Write briefly how you can overcome doubts through Openness, the Word of God, Prayer and Obedience.



**DAY TWENTY SEVEN : “LEARNING TO BE LOYAL”**

First, what does loyalty mean to you?

**1Corinthians 13:4-7**

1. Write out this passage substituting your name in place of the word love. Now read through it again, thinking about some specific relationships you have.
2. What do you see about yourself that needs to change?

**Ephesians 4:29**

1. What kind of talk is harmful to others?
2. Have you been involved in talk that is unkind, slanderous or mocking?

**1Thessalonians 5:12-15**

1. Who is “over you in the Lord”?
2. Is this based on how they live?
3. Write some names of Christians who work hard among you. Do you respect them from your heart?
4. What is your attitude towards Christians who are weak or slow to learn?

**APPLICATION:**

Write a note of appreciation to someone you respect, who is over you in the Lord and also to someone who needs patient encouragement.



## DAY TWENTY EIGHT : “DISPUTABLE MATTERS”

### **Romans 14:1-8**

1. What are some disputable matters among Christians today? (Dress, Taste in Music, Food and Drink).
2. What should your attitude be toward those who see these things differently?

### **Romans 14:16-23**

1. What does God care about the most?
2. Are you doing anything that could cause others to stumble?
3. What does **verse 23** mean?
4. Do you feel good about the way you are living now?

### **1Timothy 2:9-10/ 1Peter 3:3**

1. What makes a woman beautiful to God?
2. In your own words write what you think these passages are teaching about clothing and about godliness.

### **Matthew 11: 18-19**

1. Why did the people criticize Jesus and John the Baptist both?
2. Why do you think they were so different yet both were pleasing to God?

### **APPLICATION:**

Do you have questions about what is right and wrong for a Christian? Find out from a mature disciple whether these things are disputable matters and come to your own decision.



## DAY TWENTY NINE : “JESUS IS COMING SOON!”

### **2Peter 3:3-14**

1. Why do some people scoff (mock) at the promise of Christ’s return?
2. What will the “day of the Lord” be like?
3. Are you living as though Jesus could come back TODAY?

### **1Thessalonians 4:13-18**

1. Compare this passage to **2Peter 3:7,10**. Will there be any “second chance” for those who are not ready to meet the Lord?
2. Why will this day be like “a thief in the night”?
3. What does it mean to be alert and self-controlled?

## **2Timothy 4:6-8**

1. How does Paul feel about facing the Lord on judgement day?
2. Why is living for Jesus is like fighting the good fight, finishing the race and keeping the faith?
3. What kind of effort does it take to be this way to the end?

## **APPLICATION:**

Live each day like it is your last!



## **DAY THIRTY : “JOINED TOGETHER IN LOVE”**

### **Psalms 133:1-3**

1. What is unity and why is it so important to have it in the Church?

### **Ephesians 4:1-3**

1. Explain **verse 2** in your own words. What happens when we act the opposite of this?
2. Why does it take every effort to keep unity?

### **Philippians 2:1-5**

1. What does it mean to be one in spirit and purpose?
2. How can you consider others better than yourself?
3. Whose interests have you been looking out for besides your own? What is the attitude of Jesus? Is yours the same?

### **Matthew 18:15-17 / 5:23-24**

1. How does Jesus tell us to resolve conflicts and disagreements with one another?
2. Who should go to whom first?
3. Is there anyone in the church with whom you need to go and settle a problem?

## **APPLICATION:**

Think about your relationships today. Pray to be unified with all your brothers and sisters and reach out to and spend time with those you do not love as Jesus would.



## DAY THIRTY ONE : “DEALING WITH DISCOURAGEMENT”

The prophet Elijah had just experienced some tremendous victories from God: The destruction of 450 false prophets, and the first rainfall in 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years because of his earnest prayer. (See **James 5:17-18**). But then he got afraid and discouraged.

### 1Kings 19:1-8

1. Why did Elijah feel so overwhelmed”?
2. What are some things that have made you feel like giving up?
3. How did the Lord encourage him physically, spiritually and emotionally?
4. What do you normally do when you start feeling “down”?
5. How can you apply the 3 lessons from above; the next time you are tempted to give up into discouragement?

### 1Kings 19:19-22

1. How do you think Elijah felt to be given a friend and disciple like Elisha?
2. Why did God wait until Elijah was “in action” again before sending him to Elisha?

### APPLICATION:

How are you dealing with discouragement today? Share what you have learned with someone else.



## DAY THIRTY TWO : “WALKING AS JESUS DID”

### 1John 2:5-6

1. Think back over the last several days. Are you walking like Jesus?

### Mark 1:21-28

1. What was different about the way Jesus taught?
2. Are you teaching others with authority?

### Mark 1:29-34

1. How late do you think Jesus worked that night?
2. Do you think he felt tired?
3. Why did he work so hard?
4. Are you willing to push yourself for others to know Jesus - even when it is very challenging?



**Mark 1:35**

1. Note how early Jesus got up next day? Why did he?
2. How much do you feel the need to pray like Jesus?

**Mark 2:13-17**

1. What kinds of people did Jesus make friends with? Why?
2. How do you treat sinners and pagans?
3. Are you making new friends to share the gospel with?

**APPLICATION:**

Write down two things from today's study that you can do to imitate Jesus. Do them!



**DAY THIRTY THREE : “SHINING LIKE JESUS”**

**Philippians 2:14-16**

1. How do we “hold out the word of life” to others?
2. What kind of example do we need to show those around us?
3. What have you complained or argued about lately? How can you change?

**1Corinthians 9:19-23**

1. How can you be a slave to everyone? (Give examples).
2. What are some ways you need to adapt to people in your life to help them be saved?

**Psalms 126:6**

1. Why should we be “weeping” as we go out to make disciples?
2. What is the promise for those who do?

**Daniel 12:3**

1. Are you being wise?

**APPLICATION:**

Pray for a heart that truly loves people deeply; as you share your faith today.



## DAY THIRTY FOUR : “TAKING CORRECTION”

### Galatians 2:11-16

1. What was Peter’s sin?
2. Why did Paul correct him publicly? (See **1Tim.5:20, Matt.18:15**).

### 2Corinthians 7:6-13

1. Why did Paul correct and challenge Corinthians?
2. How does God want you to respond to correction?
3. Has anyone corrected you lately?
4. How did you respond?
5. Were they encouraged by your response?

### Galatians 6:1-5

1. What obligation do we have to help one another?
2. How can pride keep you from taking correction?
3. Why is it dangerous to compare ourselves to others?

### Proverbs 15:31-32 / 16:18

1. Which one describes you?

### APPLICATION:

Ask your discipler how you take correction? Do you need to repent?



## DAY THIRTY FIVE : “WORTHY OF THE NAME”

### 1Peter 4:12-19

1. What kinds of insults and sufferings have you endured for Jesus?
2. What should your attitude be?
3. What does Satan want you to think and do when you are being persecuted?

### Hebrews 10:32-34

1. Have you gone through suffering like this?
2. What are you doing to encourage other Christians who are going through insults and persecutions?

### Hebrews 11:32-40

1. Have you faced lions, flames, swords, armies, tortures, flogging, imprisonment, chains - or even banishment for Jesus’ sake?
2. How did God regard these people?

**2Corinthians 11:23-29 / Rom. 8-18**

1. What kind of life did Paul live for Christ?
2. How did he feel about his sufferings?
3. Have you been rejoicing or complaining as a Christian?

**APPLICATION:**

Would Jesus say you are worthy of the name “Christian”?



**DAY THIRTY SIX : “A HOPE AND A FUTURE”**

1. Do you worry about your future?
2. What are your hopes and what are your fears?

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**

1. What does God promise to those who seek Him with all their hearts?  
Are you seeking Him or something else?

**Psalms 37:3-4**

1. What are the desires of your heart? Do you believe God will give them to you?

**Psalms 16:5-8**

1. Do you feel this way about your life? Why?

**1Timothy 6:6-10**

1. What should make you content?
2. What will a desire for money and things do to your life?
3. How does someone “wander” from the faith?
4. What other desires could make us wander?

**Romans 8:31-32**

1. How has God proven His love for you?

**APPLICATION:**

If you see anxiety or discontentment in your life, confess it as a lack of faith, and memorize one of these scriptures to remind yourself of God’s faithfulness.



## DAY THIRTY SEVEN : “THE GRACE OF GIVING”

### Luke 21:1-4

1. What do you learn from this widow’s example?
2. Think of at least 3 reasons she could have given to be “stingy.”

### 1Timothy 6:17-19

1. How should you live if you have money?

### 2Corinthians 9:6-15

1. Have you decided to give generously to God?
2. Are you giving that amount regularly?
3. What does God promise to those who give freely?
4. How does your giving benefit others, God and yourself ?

### APPLICATION:

If you think your financial giving has not been generous or faithful, decide what you will give and honor that promise to God.



## DAY THIRTY EIGHT : “GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

### 2Timothy 2:1-7

Compare **verse 2** with **Matt. 28:19,20**.

1. What is Christ’s “strategy” for evangelizing the world?
2. Describe a reliable disciple. Are you reliable in terms of keeping appointments, keeping time, following instructions?
3. How are you to follow the example of a soldier, an athlete and a farmer? Be specific.
4. Would Timothy or Paul have chosen you to teach others? Why?

### 1Corinthians 9:24-27

1. How is the Christian life like running a race?
2. What happens if an athlete does not train or “beat” his body?
3. What happens if you do not train and discipline yourself as a disciple?

### APPLICATION:

List ways you can be more disciplined in your Bible study and prayer, your evangelism and your use of time. Share it with your discipler.



## DAY THIRTY NINE : “FAITH IS THE VICTORY”

### Mark 2:1-12

1. Why was this man so determined to see Jesus?
2. List at least 3 reasons the man could have given to not try to see Jesus.
3. What impressed Jesus about this man?
4. How can you be more like him?

### Mark 5:21-43

1. What did Jairus and the bleeding woman have in common?
2. Why did Jesus help both of them?
3. Why is it important for us to depend completely on Jesus when we need help?
4. What are some ways you have not been depending on God enough?
5. Have you turned to other sources for help?

### Mark 6:1-6

1. What was different in this place? Why?
2. Is Jesus amazed at your faith or your lack of faith? Why?

### Hebrews 11:5-6

1. Why do you think faith is so important for pleasing God?

### APPLICATION:

What are some things in your life (or someone else’s) for which you really need God’s help? Keep a prayer list and keep on praying!



## DAY FORTY : “GOOD HEARTS, GOOD DEEDS, GOOD THINGS”

### Luke 8:15

1. Do you have a heart like this? 2. What is your life producing?

### Philemon 4-7

1. What are 3 things Philemon did that showed a good heart?

### 2Peter 1:5-11

1. What do you need to do to keep growing as a Christian?
2. Define goodness, perseverance, brotherly kindness.
3. What happens if you stop growing?
4. What does **verse 10** mean?

**3John: 2-6**

1. If a brother or sister came to visit you, what kind of report would they give about your life?
2. How do you feel about your life in Christ up until today?
3. Are you growing?
4. In what areas do you need help?

**APPLICATION:**

Now that you have finished your 40 - days study, decide what you are going to study next and have a plan. Share these notes with the people you are leading to the Lord. Keep Growing!

