

August & September 2024

The Gospel According to Matthew

Reading Plan

During the weeks and months of the *Sermon on the Mount* all-church worship and small group series in August and September, you are invited to read and study the *The Gospel According to Matthew*, which shares the birth, life, ministry, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. Matthew's Gospel is designed to form and shape our lives as disciples of Christ. This formational design expects followers of Jesus to be living as part of a community of disciples that are known as "the church." As part of this reading plan we will read a portion of the Sermon on the Mount verses each Sunday to go along with the weekly worship service sermon. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you, and those who are reading and studying Matthew's Gospel during this season, to understand what it means to be a disciple of Christ as revealed within the gospel, so that we may live what we learn to become more like Jesus.

8/4-8/10 Matthew's Gospel Reading Plan and **Praying Portions of the Lord's Prayer Daily**
(Prayer quotes from the RSV and KJV.)

Memory Verse for the Week: Matthew 4:17 (Jesus' Message)

Sunday Sermon Verses: Matthew 4:23-5:2 (Kingdom of Heaven)

Prayer: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

Monday Verses: Matthew 1 and 2

Pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Tuesday Verses: Matthew 3:1-12

Pray: "Give us this day our daily bread."

Wednesday Verses: Matthew 3:13-17

Pray: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Thursday Verses: Matthew 4:1-11

Pray: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Friday Verses: Matthew 4:12-22

Pray: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

Sat. AM Verses: Genesis 1:1-2:3

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: Psalm 46:10 and Psalm 37:7

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

***Sabbath them: STOP**

8/11-8/17 Matthew's Gospel Reading Plan and Praying the Lord's Prayer Daily

Memory Verses for the Week - Matt. 5:13-14 (You are Salt and Light)

Sun. - Matthew 4:23-5:12 (The Beatitudes)

Mon. - Matthew 5:13-16

Tues. - Matthew 5:17-20

Wed. - Matthew 5:21-48

Thurs. - Matthew 6:1-43

Fri. - Matthew 7:1-29

Saturday AM Verses: Exodus 16

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: Leviticus 23:3

Pray: Let the Bible verse guide you.

***Sabbath theme: REST**

8/18-8/24 Matthew's Gospel Reading Plan and Praying Portions of the Lord's Prayer Daily

(Prayer quotes from the NRSV.)

Memory Verses for the Week: Matt. 5:44-45 (Love Your Enemies)

Sunday: Matthew 5:17-48 (The Extensions)

Prayer: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Monday: Matthew 5:17-20

Prayer: "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Tuesday: Matthew 5:21-26; Exodus 20:13

Prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread."

Wednesday: Matthew 5:27-32; Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 24:1-4

Prayer: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Thursday: Matthew 5:33-37; Exodus 20:7

Prayer: "And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one."

Friday Verses: Matthew 5:38-48; Exodus 21:23-25

****Pray the entire prayer from Matt. 6:9-13.***

Saturday AM Verses: Exodus 20:1-21

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: Psalm 95:1-7

Pray: Let the Bible verse guide you.

***Sabbath theme: WORSHIP**

8/25-8/31 Matthew's Gospel Reading Plan and Praying the Lord's Prayer Daily

Memory Verse for the Week - Matt. 7:12 (the Golden Rule)

Sun. - Matthew 5:13-16; 6:1-8, 16-18 (Practicing Piety)

Mon. - Matthew 5:13-16; Isaiah 42:5-9, 49:5-7

Tues. - Matthew 6:1-4; Leviticus 19:9-10

Wed. - Mark 12:41-44

Thurs. - Matthew 6:5-6; 2 Chronicles 7:13-15; Daniel 6:10-28

Fri. - Matthew 6:16-18; Isaiah 58:1-14

Saturday AM Verses: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: Psalm 37:3-4

Pray: Let the Bible verse guide you.

***Sabbath theme: DELIGHT**

9/1-9/7 Matthew's Gospel Lent Reading Plan and Praying Portions of the Lord's Prayer Daily

(Prayer quotes from the MSG.)

Memory Verses for the Week: Matt. 9:37-38 (Laborers for the Harvest)

Sun. Verses: Matthew 7:24-9:8

Prayer: "Our Father in heaven, reveal who you are."

Mon. Verses: Matthew 9:9-11:1

Prayer: "Set the world right. Do what's best—as above, so below."

Tues. Verses: Matthew 11:2-12:50

Prayer: "Keep us alive with three square meals."

Wed. Verses: Matthew 13

Prayer: "Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others."

Thurs. Verses: Matthew 14

Prayer: "You're in charge! You can do anything you want!"

Fri. Verses: Matthew 15 and 16

Prayer: "You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes."

Saturday AM Verses: Psalm 46:10 and Psalm 37:7

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: Matthew 12:1-13

Pray: Let the Bible verse guide you.

***Sabbath theme: STOP**

9/8-9/14 Matthew's Gospel Reading Plan and Praying the Lord's Prayer Daily

Memory Verse for the Week - Matt. 17:5 (God's words about Jesus)

Sun. Sermon - Matthew 6:9-15 (Our Father)

Mon. - Matthew 17

Tues. - Matthew 18 and 19

Wed. - Matthew 20

Thurs. - Matthew 21

Fri. - Matthew 22:1-40

Saturday AM Verses: Leviticus 23:3

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: Matt. 11:28-30

Pray: Let the Bible verse guide you.

***Sabbath theme: REST**

9/15-9/21 Matthew's Gospel Reading Plan and Praying Portions of the Lord's Prayer Daily

(Prayer quotes from the NLT.)

Memory Verses for the Week: Matt. 22:37-40 (the Greatest Commandment)

Sunday Verses: Matthew 6:19-7:5 (Finding Your Treasure)

Prayer: "Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy."

Monday Verses: Matthew 22:41-23:39

Prayer: "May your Kingdom come soon."

Tuesday Verses: Matthew 24

Prayer: "May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Wednesday Verses: Matthew 25

Prayer: "Give us today the food we need."

Thursday Verses: Matthew 26

Prayer: "Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us."

Friday Verses: Matthew 27

Prayer: "And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."

Saturday AM Verses: Matthew 28:1-10 and Romans 12:1-2

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: Psalm 95:1-7

Pray: Let the Bible verse guide you.

***Sabbath theme: WORSHIP**

9/22-9/28 Matthew's Gospel Reading Plan and Praying based on the verses for each day

Memory Verses for the Week - Matt. 28:19-20 (the Great Commission)

Sun. - Matthew 7:6-29 (Living into the Kingdom)

Mon. - Matthew 28:1-20 (The Resurrection of Jesus & Commissioning the Disciples)

Tues. - Matthew 10:1-16 (the Twelve Sent Out in Pairs)

Wed. - Matthew 22:37-40 (The Greatest Commandments)

Thurs. - Matthew 25:31-46 (the Sheep and the Goats)

Fri. - Matthew 5:1-7:29 (entire Sermon on the Mount)

Saturday AM Verses: Psalm 37:3-4

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

PM Verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pray: Let the Bible verses guide you.

***Sabbath theme: DELIGHT**