

February 13 - Week 6 – Questions to Consider
Matthew 9 ~ Matthew 12 ~ Matthew 13 ~ Mark 4 ~ Mark 5

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why?

1. When “some people” bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus, the Bible says Jesus “saw their faith” (Matthew 9:2). Who do you know who is in the low point or far from God that might need your faith to bring them closer to Jesus? Why is that so intimidating?
2. When Jesus calls Matthew to follow Him (Matthew 9:9-13) what temptations do you think Matthew faced? What excuses came your way when Jesus was calling you to follow Him?
3. Have you ever fasted before? What is the purpose of fasting? What obstacles did you face when you fasted? How did fasting it help you be more desperate for God?
4. In Matthew 9:24 the crowd laughs at Jesus. How does the world laugh at Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity today? How should we respond in the face of such opposition?
5. Read Matthew 9:37-38. How is this convicting?
6. What does “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”? (Matthew 12:34) Why is this verse and the surrounding passage so convicting to be careful with our words? Is there anywhere that you would be ashamed with how you speak? Why is changing our tongue so hard? So important?
7. Read Matthew 12:43-45. Why is moral improvement (“the house empty, swept, and put in order”) not enough to protect us from Satan? What needs to dwell in our “house”? Can a Christian be demon possessed?
8. Why do you think Jesus speaks about sin, hell, Satan and demons so much? Why might false teachers avoid such passages? (2 Timothy 4:3)
9. Why does Jesus talk about the “kingdom of heaven” so much in Matthew 13? What does He want us to understand? How can such a focus on eternity change how we live here and now?
10. Read Mark 4:21-25. How does this encourage you? How does this challenge you?
11. When the woman told Jesus “the whole truth” (Mark 5:33) how do you think she felt? Why is it so hard for us to admit fault and confess our sins to God and others? What is it like after we tell the “whole truth”?

This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 7: Matthew 10 ~ Matthew 14 ~ Mark 6 ~ Luke 9 ~ John 6

Working the Harvest

Matthew 9:35-38

Central Truth: We are called to PAY ATTENTION to the harvest, PRAY for the harvest, and PARTICIPATE in the harvest.

We Must _____ to the Harvest

We Must See Their _____

We Must See Their _____

We Must See The _____

We Must See The _____

We Must _____ for the Harvest

Pray to the _____

Pray for the _____

Pray for the _____

We Must _____ in the Harvest

We Receive the Command to _____

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PRAYING FOR THE LOST

- Lord, draw _____ to yourself that they may be saved. (John 6:44)

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day (John 6:44)

- Lord, may _____ seek to know you as Lord and Savior. (Acts 17:27)

He did this so that they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. (Acts 17:27)

- Lord, prevent _____ from being blinded by Satan. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

- Lord, may _____ lay aside the idols of life and turn to You. (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

For they themselves report what kind of reception we had from you: how you turned from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

- Lord, may _____ believe in Your great name and be saved. (John 1:12)

But to all who receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name (John 1:12)

- Lord, may _____ confess You as Lord and Savior and commit to growing in a relationship with You. (Colossians 2:6-7)

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude. (Colossians 2:6-7)

PRAYING FOR THE LABORERS

- Lord send laborers into the fields to plant seed. (Mark 4:14)

The sower sows the word. (Mark 4:14)

- Lord send laborers into the fields ready for harvest. (Luke 10:2)

He told them, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

- Lord, provide the labors the desire to reach the lost. (Romans 10:1)

Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation. (Romans 10:1)

- Lord, provide opportunities to engage the lost. (Colossians 4:2-4)

Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, so that I may make it known as I should. (Colossians 4:2-4)

- Lord, send me as a laborer into the harvest. (Acts 1:8)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)



Coffee and
Quiet Time
with Jesus



Prayer Guides
for Lost and
Laborers

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