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A Family Discipleship Journal Through the Gospel of Matthew

Month Three · November 2026

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WEEK 9 November 1-7

The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

MONDAY & TUESDAY: READ

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WEDNESDAY: OBSERVATION - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read Matthew 4:1–11 again before you answer. Observation just means looking closely — ask who? what? when? where? why? and how? Don't worry about explaining it yet, just look!

1.Who led Jesus into the wilderness, and why did He go there?

2.How long did Jesus go without food? How do you think He felt afterward?

3.Write down the three things the devil tempted Jesus to do.

4.Each time, Jesus answered with the same two words before He spoke. What were they?

5.In verse 6, what did the devil do with the Bible?

6.What happened when the devil left Jesus?

THURSDAY: INTERPRETATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Consider context, cross-references, and Matthew's purpose as you answer. Think about what happened right before this story and why Matthew wrote it.

1.Right before this, God the Father said, “This is my beloved Son.” Now the devil says, “If you are the Son of God…” Why do you think the devil wanted Jesus to doubt who He was?

2.Jesus answered with verses from Deuteronomy (8:3; 6:16; 6:13). Long ago, God’s people Israel were tested in the wilderness for 40 years and they failed. How is Jesus different from Israel?

3.The devil offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world without going to the cross. Why would taking that shortcut have been wrong? How did Jesus show He is a King who obeys His Father?

4.The devil used a Bible verse, but he twisted it. Why is it so important to know God’s Word well?

5.Read Hebrews 4:15. What does this verse tell us about Jesus and the temptations we face?

FRIDAY: APPLICATION - WHAT WILL I DO?

Be specific. Turn each answer into a concrete step, prayer, or change.

1.Jesus fought temptation by using God's Word. What is one Bible verse you could learn to help you say no to sin?

2.Where are you tempted the most (words, attitude, screens, friends, something else)? What will you do the next time that temptation comes?

3.Jesus never gave in to sin, so He is the perfect Savior. Take time this week to thank Him. If you have sinned, tell God about it. Read 1 John 1:9.

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WEEK 10 November 8-14

Jesus' Ministry Begins

Matthew 4:12–17

MONDAY & TUESDAY: READ

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WEDNESDAY: OBSERVATION - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read Matthew 4:12–17 again before you answer.

1.What news did Jesus hear in verse 12? Where did He go?

2.What town did Jesus move to, and where was it?

3.Which Old Testament prophet does Matthew quote?
See Isaiah 9:1–2.

4.What two word pictures are used in verse 16?
(Hint: one is dark and one is bright.)

5.What was the message Jesus began to preach?
Compare it to what John the Baptist said in Matthew 3:2.

THURSDAY: INTERPRETATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Consider context, cross-references, and Matthew's purpose as you answer.

1.Galilee was a place many Jewish people looked down on because many non-Jewish people lived there. Why is it a big deal that Jesus' light shined there first?

2.In the Bible, "darkness" often stands for sin and not knowing God. If Jesus is the "great light," what does He bring to people?

3.John and Jesus both said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." But John was getting people ready for the King, and Jesus is the King. Why does that make Jesus' words different?

4."Repent" means to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Why do you think Jesus said repenting is the first thing His followers must do?

FRIDAY: APPLICATION - WHAT WILL I DO?

Be specific! Turn your answer into something you can actually do, pray, or change this week.

1.Is there a “dark” place in your life (a secret, a bad habit, a worry) that you need to bring to Jesus, the Light? What will you say to Him about it?

2.Name one sin you need to turn away from this week.
What will you do instead?

3.Who do you know who doesn’t know Jesus yet?
How could you shine His light to that person this week?

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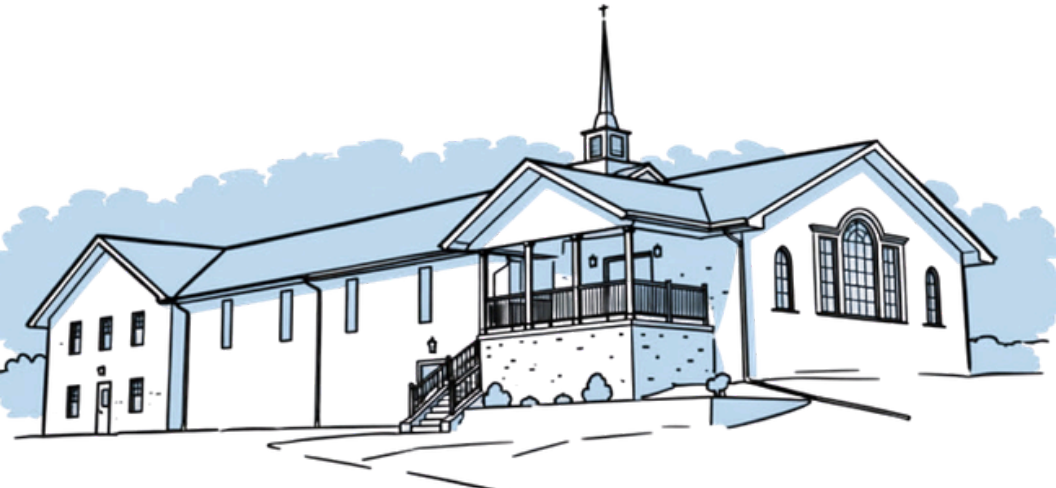
WEEK 11 November 15-21

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

Matthew 4:18–22

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WEDNESDAY: OBSERVATION - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read Matthew 4:18–22 again before you answer.

1.Where was Jesus walking, and who did He see first?

2.What was their job?

3.What two words did Jesus say to them, and what did He promise to make them?

4.How fast did Simon and Andrew respond?
What did they leave behind?

5.Who were the second pair of brothers?
What were they doing, and what did they leave?

THURSDAY: INTERPRETATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Consider context, cross-references, and Matthew's purpose as you answer.

1.Jesus chose regular fishermen, not famous teachers or rich people. What does that show about Jesus and the people He calls?

2.Jesus called them first. They did not pick Him. Read John 15:16. Who starts our friendship with Jesus?

3.To “follow” Jesus means to go where He leads and do what He says. Why does Jesus have the right to ask this of anyone? (Remember who He is!)

4.Jesus said He would make them “fishers of men.”
What do you think that means?

5.Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their nets and even their family business. What does that show about how great Jesus is?

FRIDAY: APPLICATION - WHAT WILL I DO?

Be specific! Turn your answer into something you can actually do, pray, or change this week.

1.What “nets” (things you love or hold on to tightly) might be hard for you to put down to follow Jesus?

2.The disciples obeyed right away. What is one thing Jesus has told you in His Word that you need to obey right away this week?

3.Who could you invite to church, or tell about Jesus, this week?

4.Jesus chose you to be His. Write a short thank-you to Him below.

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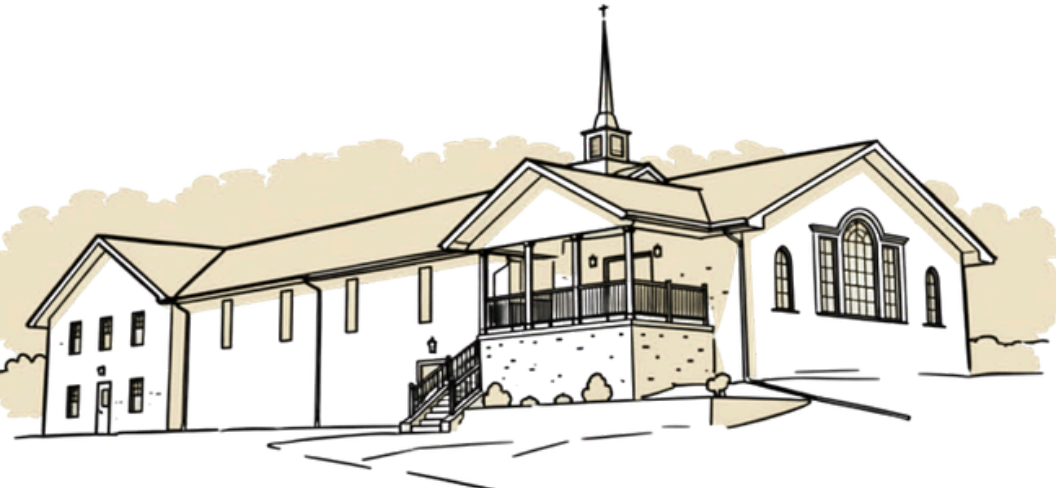
WEEK 12 November 22 – 28

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

Matthew 4:23–25

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WEDNESDAY: OBSERVATION - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read Matthew 4:23-25 again before answering.

1.What three things did Jesus do as He went all around Galilee?

2.What kinds of sicknesses and troubles did people have?
Make a list.

3.What happened to the news about Jesus?

4.What did Jesus do for the people who were brought to Him?

5.Where did the crowds come from?
Find a few of the places named.

THURSDAY: INTERPRETATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Consider context, cross-references, and Matthew's purpose as you answer.

1.Jesus preached the good news and healed people. What does each one show us about the kind of King He is?

2.No sickness was too big for Jesus. What does this tell us about His power?

3.Long ago, Isaiah said that when God's Savior came, sick people would be healed (Isaiah 35:5–6). What did Jesus' healings show about who He is?

4.People came from many places, even from outside Israel. What does this tell us about who Jesus came to help?

5.Jesus' biggest job was not healing bodies. Read Matthew 1:21. What was His biggest job?

FRIDAY: APPLICATION - WHAT WILL I DO?

Be specific! Turn your answer into something you can actually do, pray, or change this week.

1.What do you need to bring to Jesus right now? Tell Him about it.

2.Who do you know who is sick, sad, or hurting? What could you do to help them or pray for them this week?

3.The crowds followed Jesus because of what He could give them. Why should we follow Jesus because of who He is? What is one thing you love about Jesus Himself?

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WEEK 13 November 29-December 5

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1–12

MONDAY & TUESDAY: READ

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WEDNESDAY: OBSERVATION - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read Matthew 5:1–12 again before you answer.

1.Where did Jesus go, and who came to Him?

2.What did Jesus do when He sat down?

3.Which word starts almost every sentence in verses 3–11?

4.Fill in the promises:

Poor in Spirit _____
Those who mourn _____
Meek _____
Hunger for righteousness _____
Merciful _____
Pure in Heart _____
Peacemakers _____
Persecuted _____

5.Which two promises are exactly the same?

6.What did Jesus say would happen to His followers in verses 11–12? How did He say they should respond?

THURSDAY: INTERPRETATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Think about what Jesus has been doing right before this and who He is teaching.

1.“Blessed” means God’s favor and deep joy. These people (poor in spirit, sad, gentle, hungry for what is right) don’t seem happy to the world. Why does Jesus say they are blessed?

2.“Poor in spirit” means knowing you can’t save yourself and you need God. Why is this the very first step in following Jesus?

3.Jesus is the only person who has ever lived all of these perfectly. How did Jesus show that He was gentle, merciful, pure in heart, and a peacemaker? (See Matthew 11:29.)

4.Look at the promises: the kingdom, comfort, the earth, seeing God. Who is the One who gives all these?

5.Why might people be mean to someone for following Jesus? Notice the words “on my account” (v. 11).

6.The Beatitudes are not a list of jobs to do to earn God’s love. They describe what life looks like for people who belong to the King. How is that different from trying to earn God’s favor?

FRIDAY: APPLICATION - WHAT WILL I DO?

Be specific! Turn your answer into something you can actually do, pray, or change this week.

1.Where do you need to admit to Jesus that you can't do it on your own? Tell Him about it.

2.Which "blessed" sentence is the hardest for you? Ask Jesus to help you grow in it.

3.Is there someone you need to make peace with? What is one step you can take this week?

4.If someone makes fun of you for loving Jesus, how can you respond with joy instead of anger?

Prayer for the week:

A YEAR OF SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Alongside our walk through Matthew, our whole church will hide one Bible verse in our hearts each month. These twelve verses come from a memory plan called "Live the New Life" — picked to help us know who Jesus is, and how to obey Him, love His Word, pray, love each other, and tell others about Him.

We'll learn the new verse the first Sunday of the month. Say it out loud every day! Review last month's verse too — it's easy to forget things without practice.

Month	Verse	Theme
September	2 Corinthians 5:17	*Jesus is the Center*
October	Galatians 2:20	*Jesus is the Center*
November	Romans 12:1	*Obeying Jesus*
December	John 14:21	*Obeying Jesus*
January	2 Timothy 3:16	*God's Word*
February	Joshua 1:8	*God's Word*
March	John 15:7	*Prayer*
April	Philippians 4:6–7	*Prayer*
May	Matthew 18:20	*Friendship & Church*
June	Hebrews 10:24–25	*Friendship & Church*
July	Matthew 4:19	*Telling Others About Jesus*
August	Romans 1:16	*Telling Others About Jesus*