



VALLEY GATE
CHURCH



Matthew

PART I

NAME: _____

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LOVE GOD | LIVE FOR HIM | LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST

WELCOME TO THE JOURNEY

As we journey through the Gospel of Matthew together, we invite you to do more than listen to a sermon. Bring your Bible. Open God's Word. Read it for yourself. Write down what you see. Ask questions. Listen carefully. And most importantly, respond to what God is showing you.

Our goal is not simply to finish the book of Matthew. Our desire is to know Jesus more deeply and become more faithful followers of our King.

Let us explore who Jesus really is to us and the world.

How to Use This Journal

- ☐ READ — Spend time in the passage and observe what God's Word says.
- ☐ LISTEN — Bring your Bible and journal to church and take notes during the sermon.
- ☐ REFLECT — Consider what God is revealing about Himself, His Kingdom, and your life.
- ☐ RESPOND — Put God's Word into practice through faith, obedience, prayer, and sharing with others.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew presents Jesus as the promised Messiah and King. Throughout this Gospel, watch for the fulfillment of Scripture, the Kingdom of Heaven, the words and works of Jesus, the call to discipleship, and the invitation to follow Him faithfully.

Major Themes to Look For:

- ☐ Jesus the King and promised Messiah
- ☐ The Kingdom of Heaven
- ☐ Following Jesus/Discipleship
- ☐ Faith and obedience
- ☐ The fulfillment of Scripture
- ☐ The Church
- ☐ Parables, miracles and teachings
- ☐ The cross and resurrection
- ☐ The Great Commission

BEFORE WE BEGIN

Who Is Jesus?

What do I already believe about Jesus?

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☐ Matthew 1	☐ Matthew 2	☐ Matthew 3	☐ Matthew 4
☐ Matthew 5	☐ Matthew 6	☐ Matthew 7	☐ Matthew 8
☐ Matthew 9	☐ Matthew 10	☐ Matthew 11	☐ Matthew 12
☐ Matthew 13	☐ Matthew 14		

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Ask yourself the following questions:

What does this passage say about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom? (Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How can I apply this to my life/How should I respond?
(Application)

Key Verses to Remember:

MATTHEW 1 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 1 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT & RESPOND

What truth do I want to remember?

What challenged or encouraged me?

What is God showing me about Himself?

What is God showing me about myself?

RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

How will I put God's Word into practice?

PRAYER

MATTHEW 2 • READ

Date: _____

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What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 2 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

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PRAAYER

MATTHEW 3 • READ

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What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 3 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

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Key Points & Notes:

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 4 • READ

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What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 4 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

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How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRA YER

MATTHEW 5 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 5 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRA YER

MATTHEW 6 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 6 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

What truth do I want to remember?

What challenged or encouraged me?

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What is God showing me about myself?

RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRA YER

MATTHEW 7 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 7 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

What truth do I want to remember?

What challenged or encouraged me?

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What is God showing me about myself?

RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRAAYER

MATTHEW 8 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 8 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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What is God showing me about myself?

RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRA YER

MATTHEW 9 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 9 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

What truth do I want to remember?

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRA YER

MATTHEW 10 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 10 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

What truth do I want to remember?

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What is God showing me about myself?

RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRA YER

MATTHEW 11 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 11 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

What truth do I want to remember?

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

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PRAAYER

MATTHEW 12 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 12 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

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How will I put God’s Word into practice?

PRAAYER

MATTHEW 13 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 13 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 14 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 14 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

What do I need to believe, change, confess, or obey?

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 15 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 15 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

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MATTHEW 16 • READ

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What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 16 • SERMON NOTES

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Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 17 • READ

Date: _____

What does this passage teach me about Jesus?

What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

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MATTHEW 17 • SERMON NOTES

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Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

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MATTHEW 18 • READ

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How should I respond? (Application)

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MATTHEW 18 • SERMON NOTES

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Main Idea:

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 19 • READ

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What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

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MATTHEW 19 • SERMON NOTES

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Main Idea:

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MATTHEW 23 • READ

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How should I respond? (Application)

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MATTHEW 24 • READ

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What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 24 • SERMON NOTES

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Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 25 • READ

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What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 25 • SERMON NOTES

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Key Points & Notes:

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 26 • READ

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What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 26 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

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PRA YER

MATTHEW 27 • READ

Date: _____

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What do I learn about the Kingdom?(Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 27 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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RESPOND THIS WEEK

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PRAYER

MATTHEW 28 • READ

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How should I respond? (Application)

Key Verse to Remember

MATTHEW 28 • SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Main Idea:

Key Points & Notes:

REFLECT • RESPOND • PRAY

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PRAAYER

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