



Sunday School Study Plan for July 2022 with Ms. Theresa Edwards and Mr. Verdell Shoats
Theme for the Five Weeks (July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31)
Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew

Week 1: Jesus Heals Many

Matthew Chapter 8

Guiding Questions:

1. Use 8:2-3 to connect the idea of willingness and compassion.
2. Why was Jesus amazed by the centurion's belief?
3. When the storm raged, who did Jesus talk to first - the disciples or the storm?
4. Contrast the question the disciples asked in 8:27 with the statement the demons made in 8:29. What lesson(s) can we learn from those verses?
5. When two demon-possessed men approached Jesus, who did the talking - the demons or the men?

Week 2: Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

Matthew Chapter 9:1-8; 9:18-34; 12:22-37

Guiding Questions:

1. Read 9:2. What did Jesus tell the paralyzed man? Why did he tell him that?
2. Verses 9:3 and vv.9:7-8 show contrasting reactions to what Jesus did for the paralyzed man. What were those contrasting reactions. Explain why.
3. What impressed Jesus about the woman with the issue of blood?
4. When Jesus went to the home of the synagogue leader, why did people outside the house laugh at him?
5. Two blind men went to Jesus asking Him to restore their sight. He asked, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" When they answered "yes," Jesus said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." What lesson(s), if any, can we learn from this story?
6. Connect v.9:34 with v.12:24. What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of?
7. How did Jesus respond to the accusation against Him?
8. What did Jesus say cannot be forgiven?

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
 - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
 - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
 - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

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Week 3: Can Jesus Be Limited?

Matthew Chapter 13

Guiding Questions:

1. A prophecy of Isaiah (vv.14-16) is used to explain the Parable of the Sower. According to that prophecy, what do people need to do for Jesus to heal them?
2. Could the message in John 16:33 have helped the seed that fell on rocky ground? Explain your answer.
3. Is it possible to bounce back and forth among the types of seed talked about in the Parable of the Sower? Explain your answer.
5. In the Parable of the Weeds, why did Jesus tell the servants not to pull up the weeds?
6. The title of this week's lesson is Can Jesus Be Limited? Share your answer and your reasoning.

Week 4: Diligent Workers

Matthew Chapter 25

Guiding Questions

1. Is there such a thing as waiting too long to prepare for the Lord's return? Explain your response.
2. In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, who determined how much oil would be available for each virgin?
3. Who determined how much talent each person would get?
4. Reread the response of the servant who was given one talent.
 - A. Is there a danger in being too scared to try? Explain your response.
 - B. Who did the servant blame for the decision that he/she made?
 - C. What was the result of that decision?
5. What lesson(s) can we learn from the parable of The Ten Virgins and the parable of The Bags of Gold?

Week 5: Review and Final Points Discussion

Guiding Questions

1. What lessons have you learned through the study of Matthew?
2. What parables or events stand out to you in Matthew? Why are they significant to you? And how will you apply spiritual insights from these items to help you in your Christian journey?

2 Timothy 2:15, KJV: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."