

SOAP

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Pray, asking God for guidance through His Word and to get rid of other distractions.

Read the passage / chapter and find the one thing that you ponder on or jumps off the page as you read.

S: SCRIPTURE: Which scripture(s) stuck out to you most? Write it down. Feel free to make it a work of art.

O: OBSERVATION: What you think about the verse? What does God seem to be revealing through it? Do any words stand out? Look them up in original Greek or Hebrew. Cross reference scriptures of similar topic to get an overview of the passage. Who is the author addressing? What is the cultural context? Who is the passage about?

A: APPLICATION: How do you apply this little truth to your life? Are there any areas in your life that do not align with the scripture and need to change? Have you seen growth in any areas?

P: PRAYER: Write a prayer asking how to implement this verse in your life. Pray for others who may be dealing with a similar issue. Praise God for his blessings and opening your eyes to his truths.



EXPLORING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN



SERMONS AND STORIES
FROM THE FIRST GOSPEL

DEVOTION GUIDE

AUGUST 2 - OCTOBER 3, 2020

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18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction

The story of Jesus Christ unfolds first through the eyes of Matthew who weaves facts and intrigue with masterful guidance. We will begin with the lineage of Jesus and end with our mandate to go into all the world. There is so much in between to read and learn. So much so that I decided to take it in smaller doses and spend two months in the gospel. Late Summer and early Fall will be absorbing the great truth of Jesus and the kingdom of heaven manifested on earth. Some material will be a pleasure to read and study. Other will be hard. Some we will readily embrace, other we will want to ignore. But it's all kingdom material and all needs to be studied.

Prayer is gaining momentum as an important part of these studies each month and the devotion guide. Please make sure you take time to pray every day. I've provided a character trait to pray about for your life.

I've again provided the S.O.A.P. Bible study plan on the back cover. I would encourage you to take advantage of this method as we read the Gospel of Matthew. It provides a framework for engaging the text. Every day ask as many questions as you can. Use it to the extent you have time.

Join me with email daily devotions from the daily reading. If you are not currently receiving them just let me know via email @ abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com. Or you can read them on Facebook as a note on my personal page.

I look forward to reading and studying the sermons and stories of the Gospel of Matthew. Most of all I trust we will experience the glory of God and learn to live in the joy of the kingdom of heaven. May Christ and the principles of kingdom living be revealed!

Kingdom people together in Christ.

Alan H. Beasley
Senior Pastor

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Reflect - *on God's Word from this week*
Refuel - *worship with the family of God*
Rest - *your mind, body and soul*

Monday, August 3, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 1:1-17
Personal Prayer Focus - Strength

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 1:18-25
Personal Prayer Focus - Courage

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 2:1-12
Personal Prayer Focus - Perseverance

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 2:13-23
Personal Prayer Focus - Patience

Friday, August 7, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 3:1-17
Personal Prayer Focus - Hope

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 4:1-11
Personal Prayer Focus - Forgiveness

Sunday, August 9, 2020

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Monday, August 10, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 4:12-25
Personal Prayer Focus - Encouragement

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 5:1-26
Personal Prayer Focus - Blessing

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 5:27-48
Personal Prayer Focus - Presence

Thursday, August 13, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 6:1-15
Personal Prayer Focus - Fullness of the Holy Spirit

Friday, August 14, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 6:16-34
Personal Prayer Focus - Peace

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 7:1-14
Personal Prayer Focus - Joy

Sunday, August 16, 2020

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Monday, August 17, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 7:15-29
Personal Prayer Focus - Growth

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 8:1-17
Personal Prayer Focus - Excellence

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 8:18-34
Personal Prayer Focus - Calm

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 9:1-17
Personal Prayer Focus - Healing

Friday, August 21, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 9:18-38
Personal Prayer Focus - Clarity

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 10:1-25
Personal Prayer Focus - Kindness

Sunday, August 23, 2020

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Monday, August 24, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 10:26-42
Personal Prayer Focus - Love

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 11:1-19
Personal Prayer Focus - Compassion

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 11:20-30
Personal Prayer Focus - Conversion

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 12:1-21
Personal Prayer Focus - Unity

Friday, August 28, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 12:22-50
Personal Prayer Focus - Sanctification

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 13:1-30
Personal Prayer Focus - Discipline

Sunday, August 30, 2020

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Monday, August 31, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 13:31-58
Personal Prayer Focus - Repentance

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 14:1-21
Personal Prayer Focus - Goodness

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 14:22-36
Personal Prayer Focus - Faithfulness

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 15:1-20
Personal Prayer Focus - Control

Friday, September 4, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 15:21-39
Personal Prayer Focus - Knowledge

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 16:1-12
Personal Prayer Focus - Inspiration

Sunday, September 6, 2020

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Monday, September 7, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 16:13-28
Personal Prayer Focus - Vision

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 17:1-13
Personal Prayer Focus - Wisdom

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 17:14-27
Personal Prayer Focus - Truth

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 18:1-14
Personal Prayer Focus - Righteousness

Friday, September 11, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 18:15-35
Personal Prayer Focus - Justice

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 19:1-15
Personal Prayer Focus - Mercy

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Monday, September 14, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 19:16-30
Personal Prayer Focus - Consistency

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 20:1-16
Personal Prayer Focus - Grace

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 20:17-34
Personal Prayer Focus - Power

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 21:1-22
Personal Prayer Focus - Holiness

Friday, September 18, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 21:23-46
Personal Prayer Focus - Purity

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 22:1-22
Personal Prayer Focus - Contentment

Sunday, September 20, 2020

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Monday, September 21, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 22:23-46
Personal Prayer Focus - Discernment

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 23:1-22
Personal Prayer Focus - Enthusiasm

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 23:23-39
Personal Prayer Focus - Generosity

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 24:1-25
Personal Prayer Focus - Honesty

Friday, September 25, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 24:26-51
Personal Prayer Focus - Humility

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 25:1-30
Personal Prayer Focus - Thankfulness

Sunday, September 27, 2020

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Monday, September 28, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 25:31-46
Personal Prayer Focus - Obedience

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 26:1-35
Personal Prayer Focus - Sincerity

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 26:36-75
Personal Prayer Focus -

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 27:1-30
Personal Prayer Focus - Responsibility

Friday, October 2, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 27:31-66
Personal Prayer Focus - Initiative

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Scripture - Matthew 28:1-20
Personal Prayer Focus - Respect