

Week 10: Matthew 20-22

Matthew 20:17-22:14

CHECK-IN

Take time as a group to **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** experienced in the last week.

100 DAY JOURNEY

Recurring Questions

- As you reflected this week, what have you learned about God? (REFLECT)
- What principles have you seen for healthy Jesus followers? (ENGAGE)
- Have you been able to apply any of these principles this week? (APPLY)
- How has God spoken during your times in prayer? (PRAY)
- Is there anything new that you learned or saw in your reading?
- How has God's Word convicted you this week?
- Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passages? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act?

STUDY & APPLY

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- What area of your life are you prone to feel entitled?
- Why do we need to have a right understanding of suffering and service?
- What can we learn from the way these two blind men came to Jesus? (Ch. 20:29-34)
- How do we prepare ourselves for when Jesus will not be greeted with celebration, shouts of praise, and a crowd of people?
- By what authority is Jesus "doing these things"? (entering Jerusalem, clearing the temple, healing, teaching, rebuking)
 - What is an area of your life where you question God's authority?
- What do the following represent in the parable of the tenants? (Ch. 21:33-46)
 - Master of the House
 - Vineyard
 - Tenants
 - Servants
 - Son
- Why did Jesus tell the chief priests and elders that the kingdom of God was going to be taken away from them? (see Leader Notes)
- What warnings can we take to heart from the parable of the wedding feast? (Ch. 22:1-14)
- How can you tell when you outwardly profess something, but inwardly reject it?

(This curriculum has been supplemented by Christ-Centered Exposition: Matthew by David Platt)

Leader Notes:

- Connecting from where last week ended, Matthew follows up the parable of the workers by giving the clearest example of God's unfair and overflowing generosity. Jesus prophesies about his crucifixion, death and resurrection. There is nothing more scandalous or unfair that has ever happened than God dying for men and women who have said they want nothing to do with Him.
- Chief Priests and Elders - They were guilty of: rejecting God's prophets (v.35-36), rejecting God's Son (v.38), seeking power, control, and authority that wasn't for them (v.38), abusing God's people (v.12), fearing man more than God (v.46), prioritizing outer cleanliness over inner holiness (Ch. 23:25-28)
- The man without wedding clothes (Ch. 22:11-14) - This man represents individuals who outwardly profess Christ, but inwardly and externally show no evidence in their lives of saving faith. This requires us to reflect honestly over where our heart is at. Do we *truly, deeply* love Jesus? If so, our lives will change to look like His.

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