

Weekly Study Guide

The week of November 24, 2013

Daily Readings

Monday	Matthew 5:1-20	Tuesday	Matthew 5:21-48	Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-18
Thursday	Matthew 6:19-34	Friday	Matthew 7:1-11	Saturday	Matthew 7:12-29

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *What Child is This?*

Next week's readings: Luke 1: 26-45

As we enter into the Advent season, we begin preparing our hearts for Christmas. In our culture, those preparations often involve decorations, baking, gift buying, concerts and parties. In our hearts, however, we can only prepare to celebrate the gift of Christmas by preparing to honor and to receive the one who came to be our Savior. But who is this child who was born into our world? This advent as we take a journey through the book of Luke, we find answers to that question.



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Group Discussion

Connect	<p>Parts of today's message included video recordings of the words of Jesus being spoken in different contexts in our world. Did any of those backgrounds strike you as particularly interesting?</p>
Learn	<p><i>Today's lesson is meant to help us review what we learned in the Sermon on the Mount during the past 12 weeks and capture any big takeaways that God wants us to hear. Feel free to use these questions as guides or also to review and summarize your Sermon on the Mount experience in any way that's helpful to your group.</i></p> <p>The Sermon on the Mount starts with a passage often called "the beatitudes." Look back and re-read Matthew 5:3-12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does this passage strike you any differently after hearing the whole Sermon on the Mount than at the beginning?• It seems that Jesus wants to make us rethink what it means to live in God's blessing. Has the Sermon the Mount done anything to make you reconsider or alter your picture of <i>The Good Life</i>? <p>We were reminded last week that the Sermon on the Mount is not just a list of high ideals but an invitation to receive and participate in the Kingdom of Heaven.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the verses where the Kingdom is specifically mentioned: Matthew 5:3, 10, 19-20; 6:10, 33; 7:21.• What kinds of things do you think Jesus want us to learn about the Kingdom? <p>Take a moment to think back about your experience of the Sermon on the Mount this fall season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there anything from the Sermon on the Mount that has been particularly memorable to you?• Are there any questions that it leaves you asking?
Apply	<p>At the end of the message today, you saw a slide that asked "How is God using Jesus' Sermon on the Mount to speak to your heart today? And how will you respond?" Discuss this with your group.</p>
Pray	<p>Pray for the needs of your group and pray also as Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:9-13.</p>