

Growth Group

Study: Matthew

In this Growth Group you will have one reading a week. Normally a chapter and a half or about a 5 minute read. Try to read this passage everyday of the week. Let it soak in, let God speak to you all week about the passage. Then when you meet on your day of growth group and you and your group will answer some questions that pertain to your reading. This Growth Group study is to help you get into the word each day. While I pray that you would get into the word everyday don't get frustrated if you miss a day, just jump back in and get reading again, lets try to stay committed for just 5 weeks. The first reading will take place all together in the first group meeting. Then from there on you will read your assigned reading each day the week before your meeting. Let's Commit to this.

Week 1

Read: *Matthew 1:18-25*

Questions:

1 Do you know how your parents picked your name? What does your name mean?

2 What age do you think is a good age to get married? How long should you be engaged before getting married?

3 How has someone you know been affected by divorce?

4 Joseph "had in mind to divorce" Mary (v. 19). Under what circumstance would you consider divorce?

5 What do you think “the angel of the Lord” would say to someone today who is considering divorce?

6 When did Jesus really become your “Immanuel”-God with you? How are you experiencing Jesus “with you” in your life now?

7 How can this group pray for you this week?

Week 2

Read: *Matthew 3:1-17*

Questions:

1 Who is the craziest looking man of God you have ever met? Who is the wildest preacher you have heard?

2 What do the people in your school/work mean when they say the word "God"?

3 Who would you like to hear say, "With you I am pleased"?

4 Who was John the Baptist in your life-person who introduced you to God in a personal way?

5 When you were a child, what was your view of God? How would describe God now?

6 How would you describe your relationship with your Heavenly Father right now?

Week 3

Read: *Matthew 5:1-12*

Questions:

- 1 Did you eat breakfast this morning? Can you remember what you had? Is breakfast the most important meal?

- 2 What teacher, coach or other person taught you the most about attitude and character?

- 3 Are you more likely to devote time and energy to your physical fitness or your spiritual fitness?

- 4 When are you the most receptive to hearing and understanding God's word: During personal devotions? Church? Growth Group?

- 5 On a scale of 1 (not at all) to 10 (totally), how much do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?

- 6 If God gave you an attitude adjustment, of eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11) which attitude would you need to be worked on the most?

- 7 What's one thing you could do this coming week to help you live the Beatitudes?

Week 4

Read: *Matthew 5:27-30*

Questions:

- 1 Who told you about the “birds and the bees”? Was the situation awkward? Boring? Interesting? Funny?

- 2 When it comes to entertainment where do you draw the line: PG? R-rated? Adult?

- 3 Where do you think Jesus would draw the line?

- 4 Jesus used the Word of God to resist temptation (Matt. 4:1-11). What Scripture have you found helpful in cleaning up your thought life?

- 5 In dating, what was/is a rule you have/had set for yourself sexually?

- 6 How do you feel about verses 29-30? What point do you think Jesus was trying to make?

Week 5

Party Time: Have a pot luck party with your group for the last meeting of this session.