

2020 New Testament Reading Plan

Living Hope Fellowship, Chico
Directed Study, Week 2
Matthew 8 - 14

Week by week, I'll be producing some questions designed to direct you in your own study of the week's reading. I will focus on highlighting major themes and key terms, not personal application. Please use this as a guide for deeper meditation, not an end in itself. May the Spirit teach you more of Christ from his most holy Word.

Jesus as Teacher & Preacher

You just finished reading chapters 5-7, commonly called "The Sermon on the Mount." That is likely Jesus' longest sermon in the NT. Matthew emphasizes the teachings & sermons of Jesus (also called discourses) throughout, alternating between narrative and discourse. Conveniently, each discourse section is concluded with a phrase like "when Jesus had finished these sayings" (see 7:28 for example). This week, you'll read through two of them.

	Discourse	Concluding Formula
1	5:1–7:27	7:28–29
2	10:5–42	11:1
3	13:1–52	13:53
4	18:1–35	19:1
5	24:3–25:46	26:1

1. Who is Jesus teaching in chapter 10, his second discourse?
2. What is the connection between "every affliction" / "every disease" in chapters 8–9 and the same phrases in chapter 10?
3. Who does Jesus delegate his authority to?
4. Who is Jesus teaching in chapter 13, his third discourse?
5. What does Jesus' emphasis on teaching & preaching mean for the modern church? What priority should teaching and preaching have in a ministry?

Jesus' Reign is Over All

Chapters 8 & 9 show that Jesus' kingly rule is over everything from disease, paralysis, fever, demons, sickness, nature, sin, death, the mute, blindness, affliction.

6. What troubles you in day to day living that is not on that list? Does Jesus have authority over it as well?

Jesus is Greater

7. Look through chapter 12. Jesus says he is greater than 3 things. What are they? If it is a person, what did that person do for an occupation?