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# kingdom come Introduction

#### Kingdom Come

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down...and he began to teach them. Thus begins the most famous—and most misunderstood—sermon in history: the Sermon on the Mount. In three chapters of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus presents a countercultural vision of life as it's truly meant to be lived. On one level, Jesus is presenting standards that are impossible to live up to. But on another level, he is offering a life that's within our grasp—if we will choose to embrace a higher kingdom and walk with the King.

#### **How To Use this Booklet:**

Each week, listen to the sermon and take notes on the page provided.

Record your prayer needs each week. Commit to praying daily for these people and circumstances.

Spend time in God's Word using the five prompts for each week. Use the journal pages to record your thoughts, and insights.

Include P.R.A.Y. time each day in your devotional time.

\*Praise • Repent • Ask • Yield\*\*

*Praise:* Acknowledge God's power, beauty, wisdom, love, etc. Thank him specifically for the blessings in your life.

Repent: Confess any known sin (be specific), thank him for his forgiveness based on the cross of Christ, and ask for the grace to live differently.

Ask: Pray first for the important people in your life, then for yourself. Again, be specific!

Yield: Joyfully acknowledge that you want to be part of building his kingdom – not your own. Ask for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit, so you can represent Jesus well and be ready to follow wherever God leads.





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### Building a Life week one | Scripture

#### Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

#### Matthew 7:24-29

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

#### Supplementary Scriptures:

Proverbs 10:25

When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.

#### Proverbs 12:7

The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm.

### Building a Life week one | sermon notes


### Building a Life week one | daily devotionals

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- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal.
- Read verse 13. Look up the word "salt" in the dictionary. What does Jesus mean when He says, "You are the salt of the earth"? How does salt lose its saltiness? What are some ways that we can lose our saltiness? Look at the last part of verse 13 and underline the dangers of losing our saltiness. Write a prayer asking for the Spirit's help in being the "salt of the earth."
- Read verses 14-16. Jesus says, "You are the light of the world."
  Highlight the reasons why we are to let our light shine before men.
  What are some ways in which you expose your light? Are there times when your light becomes dull? Write a prayer asking for the Spirit to help you continually expose your light to those around you.

# Building a Life


### Building a Life week one | daily devotionals

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Read verses 24-29. According to verse 24, what two things do wise men do? Circle them. Look at the supplementary Scriptures and contrast the life of the wise versus the foolish in times of trials. Think about your own life right now. Do you tend to be more like the wise or the foolish? What are some practical commitments you can make to strengthen your foundation upon Christ?

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Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

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### The Beatitudes week two | scripture

#### Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

He said:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

#### Supplementary Scripture:

Revelation 3:20

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

## The Beatitudes week two | sermon notes


### The Beatitudes week two | daily devotionals

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- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep it in a place where you can see it often during the week.
- Read verses 1-2. Consider that Christ sat and waited for the disciples to come to the mount, and then when they were ready, he was able to teach them. Think about your own life and consider how often you are teachable Christ is waiting for you! Look at the supplementary Scripture. Record any insights that come to mind, and ask for the Spirit's help in making you be more teachable.
- Read verses 3-5. Underline who the human subjects are, and circle the blessings. Note in the margins who provides the power and discernment to live according to the attributes. While the LORD provides the blessings to his redeemed children, the attributes you underlined are only credited to us through Christ's sacrifice and our acceptance of his perfect LORDSHIP and transforming process of our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing we can do to earn this. Take a few moments to reflect on this truth and record any insights that come to mind.

Looking at verse 3 in The Amplified Bible, "poor in spirit" means devoid of spiritual arrogance. What kind of arrogant thoughts, talk or behavior in your life is the Holy Spirit prompting you to think about and to repent of? In verse 4, "Those who mourn", refers to conviction and repentance for sin. While Christ paid the debt for our sins once and for all, we must daily examine our lives and confess anything that separates us from deepening our relationship with the Lord and/or others. Pray about any sin that the Lord is revealing to you and ask for the Holy Spirit's help in repenting and resisting sin. Lastly, in verse 5, the meek exhibit kindness, self-control, and a sweet spirit. For further study, see Galatians 5:22-23. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to live these attributes out.

# $The \mathop{Beatitudes}_{\text{week two | journal}}$


### The Beatitudes week two | daily devotionals

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Read verses 6-8. Underline the human subjects, and circle the blessings. Note in the margin who provides the power and discernment to live according to the underlined attributes. Note any people you would like the Holy Spirit to empower you to extend greater mercy or peace to.

Verse 6 tells us that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness seek right standing with God. Consider your own life these days. Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness? As you read verse 7, consider what the act of mercy is, then compare that to God's great love and mercy demonstrated in the loving, self-sacrificing character of Christ. Consider the world's value placed on mercy against God's perfect demonstration of it. How do you extend mercy? How should you extend mercy? Lastly, in verse 8, "pure in heart" refers to those with integrity, moral courage, and godly character. Pray for the areas the Holy Spirit is convicting you to grow in, or perhaps to take action in. Record anything that comes to mind.

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# Redefining Murder





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### Redefining Murder week three | scripture

#### Matthew 5:17-26

17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them, 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. 21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

#### Supplementary Scripture:

Philippians 3:8-9

8 "What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith."

# $\underset{\text{week three | }}{Redefining} \underset{\text{sermon notes}}{Murder}$


### Redefining Murder week three | daily devotionals

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#### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read verses 17-20. A typical Pharisee would think they were great at keeping all the various commands of the law. Now circle verse 20, which is the heart of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is saying our righteousness needs to surpass that of the Pharisees. That sounds impossible! But it's not. Reflect on the supplementary Scripture. How is it true that we can have surpassing righteousness?
- Read verses 21-22. We might think we are great people because we don't do anything illegal. But we might have hearts that are seething with anger at our brothers and sisters. What is Jesus saying here about the difference between who we think we are and who we really are? What are some ways we can cut down on that difference?

# Redefining Murder


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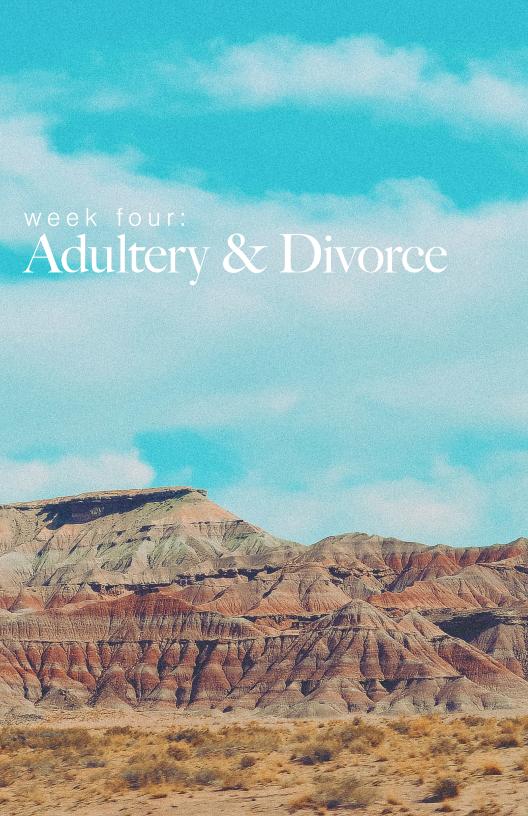
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Read verses 23-26. What action does Jesus recommend in these verses? What are the benefits of quick resolution of disagreements in how we love one another and in our relationship to God? What are the dangers if we ignore this advice?

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# Redefining Murder



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#### Matthew 5:27-32

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

#### Supplementary Scripture:

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

24 If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, 2 and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, 3 and her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies,4 then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the Lord. Do not bring sin upon the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.

## Adultery & Divorce week four | sermon notes


### Adultery & Divorce week four | daily devotionals

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#### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read verses 27-28. Do you base your morality on what others think is right, or on Scripture, such as the Ten Commandments? Record your thoughts. Jesus says, "Do not commit adultery". What does this commandment require from us? How does Jesus take this to the next level? Where does he place obedience? Does that include your thought life too? Record your insights.
- Read verses 29-30 and Job 31:1. Jesus said that obeying the law goes far beyond outward obedience. How do you define adultery? Record your thoughts. Read the passage again how does Jesus define adultery? Compare. How did Job approach this topic?

# Adultery & Divorce


## Adultery & Divorce week four | daily devotionals

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Read verses 31-32 and then look at the supplementary Scripture. What had the people heard? Had they been taught wrongly? Does Jesus contradict what they had heard? Think about our world today. How does Jesus' teaching on divorce contrast to the way people view marriage and divorce?

Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

## Adultery & Divorce




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## Yes or No week five | scripture

#### Matthew 5:33-37

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

#### Supplementary Scriptures:

Exodus 20:16

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

#### John 8:44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

#### Colossians 3:9

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.

#### Ephesians 4:25

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

## Yes or No week five | sermon notes


### Yes or No week five | daily devotionals

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### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening. Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- 2 3 When have you made oaths or yows in your life? Why does Jesus say that we should not swear by heaven or by earth? What does it mean to "let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no'"?
  - Read the Supplementary Scriptures. List reasons why Christians should not lie.

Look up Proverbs 12:17, 12:22, 14:5, 24:26, 26:28. What do you learn about honesty and integrity from these verses?

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Look up the following passages: Romans 12:3, James 4:16, 2 Corinthians 10:13, Psalm 94:4. What do you learn about boasting? In what ways does boasting contradict honesty and integrity?

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Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

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Radical Love



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### Radical Love week six | scripture

#### Matthew 5:38-48

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that
you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the
evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you
love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors
doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more
than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your
heavenly Father is perfect.

## $\underset{\text{week six} \mid \text{ sermon notes}}{Radical} Love$


### Radical Love week six | daily devotionals

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### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read verses 38-42. Jesus teaches us how to respond to four different offenses. Circle the offenses, and underline the responses. What does each response have in common? How do these responses differ from your natural instincts? Write a general principle for dealing with these offenses.
- Read verses 43-48. Jesus tells us to love our enemies. The Greek word used for "love" in this passage is "agape," which is the divine, selfless love that will go to any length to attain the well-being of its object. Circle one specific way we can love our enemies that does not require confrontation. What should be our main purpose for loving our enemies? Who would you consider your enemies? Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you love for them.

## $\underset{\text{week six}}{Radical} \underset{\text{journal}}{Love}$


### Radical Love week six | daily devotionals

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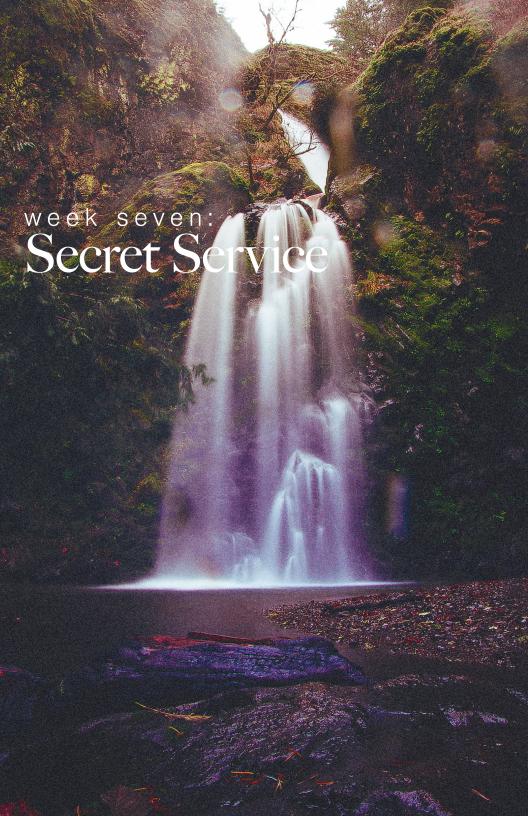
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Why should the way we treat people be different than the way tax collectors and "others" treat them? Look at verses 45 and 48. Verse 45 does not refer to salvation, but rather behavior fitting of a child of God. Verse 48: the Greek word for "perfect" is "teleioi," which means complete, whole, mature and fulfilled. What are the spiritual benefits of loving your enemies?

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### Secret Service week seven | scripture

#### Matthew 6:1-7

1"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

#### Matthew 6:16-18

16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

## Secret Service week seven | sermon notes


### Secret Service week seven | daily devotionals

**Directions:** Start by reading this week's Scripture passage, and then follow the prompts for each day. Use the journal pages provided to record your thoughts, insights, and prayers. Each day, end your time in prayer, using the P.R.A.Y. format.

\*Praise • Repent • Ask • Yield\*

Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read through the passage. Circle the three areas where Jesus tells us to check our motives (verse 4, 6 and 18). Think about the various "acts of righteousness" you engage in. Where do you experience the temptation "to be seen by others"? What does that look like/ feel like? Is there a particular person or group of people you especially desire to be seen by? Read through the passage again and spend some time in prayer, asking for the Spirit's help in having a God-centered heart in all that you do.
- Read verses 1-4. Jesus warned about having improper motives. What reward is there when we do thing with this type of motive? Read verse 4 and underline who notices when we do/give according to Jesus' way. What type of reward is Jesus talking about? Record your insights as to why this is a better reward.




### Secret Service week seven | daily devotionals

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### Day

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Read verses 5-8. What stands out to you in regards to prayer in this passage? What are some ways that we keep our prayer real, personal and not showy? Why is that important? Read verse 8. If our Father knows our needs before we ask Him, how does this change the way you pray? Record your thoughts.

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Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.




week eight: The Lord's Prayer

# The Lord's Prayer week eight | Prayer list

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## The Lord's Prayer week eight | scripture

Matthew 6:9-15

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"'Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.'

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

#### Supplementary Scriptures:

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

#### Luke 23:34

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Luke 23:43

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

## The Lord's Prayer week eight | sermon notes


## The Lord's Prayer week eight | daily devotionals

**Directions:** Start by reading this week's Scripture passage, and then follow the prompts for each day. Use the journal pages provided to record your thoughts, insights, and prayers. Each day, end your time in prayer, using the P.R.A.Y. format.

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### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read verses 9-13. This prayer uses: "our" (verses 9, 11, 12) and "us" (verses 11, 12, 13) and so may be used publicly, but Jesus also suggests private prayer (verses 5-6). What are ways that you participate in both kinds of prayer? Look at the supplementary scripture, and read the passage in 1 Chronicles 29. Some churches include the line "For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen" at the end of their prayers. Why is this an appropriate way to end the prayer? Record your thoughts.
- Read verses 14-15. What did Jesus emphasize here? Why should this be part of your prayer life? Is this part of your prayer life? Do you find it challenging? Record anything that comes to mind.

# The Lord's Prayer


## The Lord's Prayer week eight | daily devotionals

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Day

Look at the Supplementary Scriptures and read the two passages in Luke. Who did Jesus forgive? We are called to follow Jesus' example in all that we do. Take some time to reflect personally on your own life. Is there anyone you need to forgive? Spend time reflecting on this, asking for the Spirit's help.

Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

# The Lord's Prayer




# Treasures in Heaven

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### Treasures in Heaven

#### Matthew 6:19-24

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

# Treasures in Heaven week nine | sermon notes


### Treasures in Heaven week nine | daily devotionals

**Directions:** Start by reading this week's Scripture passage, and then follow the prompts for each day. Use the journal pages provided to record your thoughts, insights, and prayers. Each day, end your time in prayer, using the P.R.A.Y. format.

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Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read the passage and circle the word "treasure." In these six verses, treasure is used three times. Jesus is not just talking about gold or the money we use to buy things. He's also talking about the things that matter most to us! Read verses 19-20. Compare "earthly treasures" and "heavenly treasures." Where is your heart? Do you focus on things you own, or are you focused on the things of God? Make a list of different things you do during the course of the week. Next to each, make a note whether that time is spent for you or for God. Take a look at your list. How do you spend the majority of your time? Take one item from your list and determine NOT to spend that time on yourself. Instead, commit this week to invest that time with God.
- Read verse 24. Underline the conflicting emotions that are involved with serving two masters. Look back at day 2, what are some "earthly treasures" that fight to be the master in your life? Reread verse 24. Listen closely to what the Spirit is speaking to you. Record your thoughts. Write a prayer asking for help in making/keeping Jesus as the Master of your life.

# Treasures in Heaven


### Treasures in Heaven week nine | daily devotionals

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Day

Look back and read verses 20-21. Think about your life and the things God has given you. Do you accumulate things for yourself, or do you use what He has given you to bring Him glory by ministering to the needs of those around you? Think about a treasured possession. If it were stolen, how you would react/respond? What does your response say about where your treasure is stored? Ask God to reveal your heart. If changes are necessary in your life, ask God to help you change.

Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

# Treasures in Heaven






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### $\underset{\text{week ten | scripture}}{\mathbf{Worry}}$

#### Matthew 6:25-34

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."


### Worry week ten | daily devotionals

**Directions:** Start by reading this week's Scripture passage, and then follow the prompts for each day. Use the journal pages provided to record your thoughts, insights, and prayers. Each day, end your time in prayer, using the P.R.A.Y. format.

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#### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read through the passage. Underline any word or theme that gets repeated in this passage. Think for a moment about something you are worried about right now, or have been recently. Record it on the journal pages provided. Read the entire passage again. What, if anything, are the benefits of worrying about your situation? On the other hand, what are some of the dangers that your worry may pose in this situation? Ask God to show you and record your insights.
- In verse 30, Jesus says that we are of "little faith" when we worry.

  Circle "little faith." How does it make you feel when you hear that?

  Record what emotions get impressed upon your heart. What does this reveal about the true source of our worries? Write a prayer asking God to help you with your worrying.




### Worry week ten | daily devotionals

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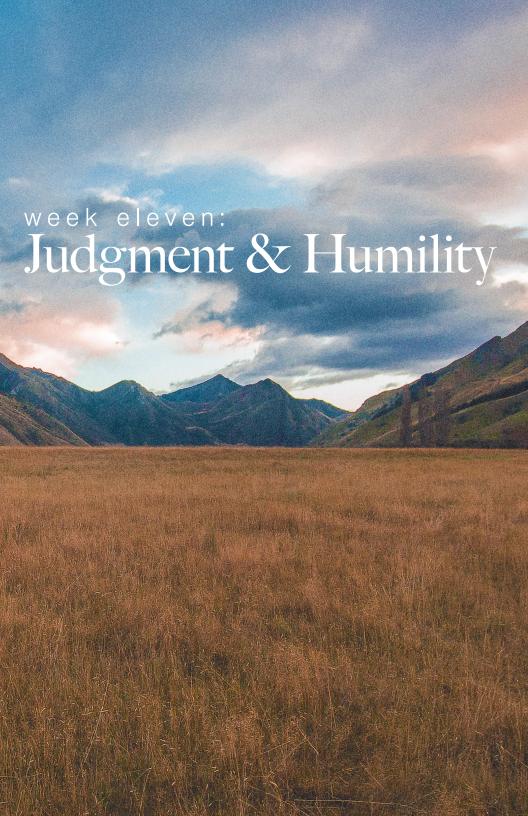
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Highlight or underline verse 33. Write it down on an index card and put it in a place where it will be visible. According to this verse, what two things should be our priorities in life? Write them down. Ask God to show you what those things look like in your life and record any insights. Read the verse again. When we keep the right perspective by refusing to worry and instead, trusting God – what does he do? Write down a prayer asking God to help you seek his kingdom and his righteousness first.

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Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

# Judgment & Humility

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### $\underset{\text{week eleven | scripture}}{\text{Judgment & }}\underset{\text{scripture}}{\text{Humility}}$

#### Matthew 7:1-6

1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

#### Supplementary Scriptures:

John 8:3-7

3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" 6 They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

# Judgment & Humility sermon notes


### Judgment & Humility week eleven | daily devotionals

**Directions:** Start by reading this week's Scripture passage, and then follow the prompts for each day. Use the journal pages provided to record your thoughts, insights, and prayers. Each day, end your time in prayer, using the P.R.A.Y. format.

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#### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read verses 1-2. Write down what it means to judge. Ask the Spirit to show you specific areas where you most often judge others. Write down what is revealed, then write a prayer asking God to help you change.
- Read the Supplementary Scripture. This is a great example of looking for a speck in the eye of another while ignoring the plank in one's own. The religious leaders brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus. She had sinned, but so had they. Jesus called them out on this very important truth. He said, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Go back to this week's passage and look at verse 5. Circle the key word Jesus uses to describe these people. How can we keep from being this type of person and instead be more like Christ? Record character traits that come to mind after reading these passages.

# Judgment & Humility


### Judgment & Humility week eleven | daily devotionals

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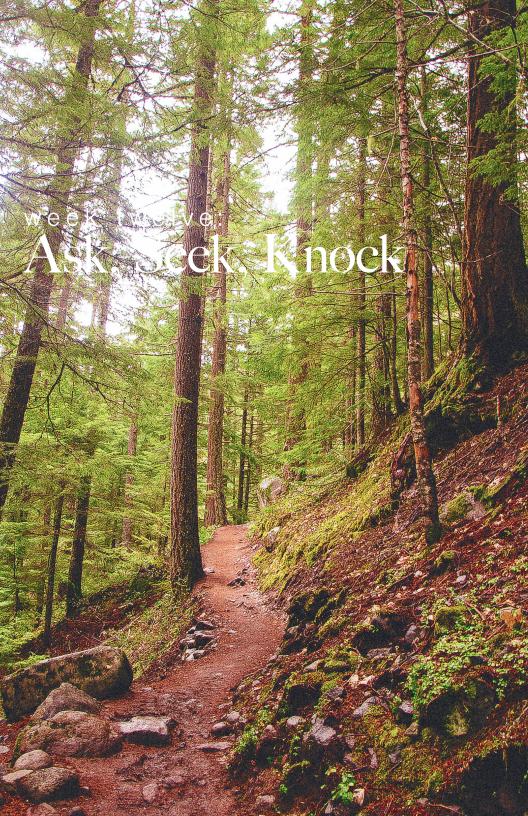
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Day

Read verse 5 again. Jesus didn't say that it was wrong for us to help our brother/sister with the speck in his/her eye, but what does this passage say we need to do first? Read Galatians 6:1. How does this passage say we are to help others? How do you often respond? Look back at day 2 and record any connections.

Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

# Judgment & Humility

# Ask, Seek, Knock week twelve | Seek

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### Ask, Seek, Knock week twelve | scripture

#### Matthew 7:7-12

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

#### Supplementary Scriptures:

Luke 11:5-13

5 Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' 7 And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity[a] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.
9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[b] a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

#### Luke 18:1-6

1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' 4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

# $\underset{\text{week twelve }|}{Ask}, \underset{\text{sermon notes}}{Seek}, \underset{\text{sermon notes}}{Knock}$


### Ask, Seek, Knock week twelve | daily devotionals

**Directions:** Start by reading this week's Scripture passage, and then follow the prompts for each day. Use the journal pages provided to record your thoughts, insights, and prayers. Each day, end your time in prayer, using the P.R.A.Y. format.

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#### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read verses 7-8. The disciples are told to ask, seek and knock. Circle those words. What do these three words have in common? How are they different from one another? Write down the promises Jesus gives in regards to those commands. Take a few minutes to reflect about a time where you asked, sought, and knocked in prayer, and God answered. Record your thoughts, emotions and insights.
- Look at the supplementary Scriptures. These two parables illustrate the principle Jesus is teaching in Matthew 7. What lesson do both of these parables teach? Did you gain any new insights in these passages in relation to the passage in Matthew 7? Record your thoughts and comparisons.

# $Ask, Seek, Knock \\ \text{week twelve} \mid \text{journal}$


### Ask, Seek, Knock week twelve | daily devotionals

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Day

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Read verses 9-11. What do these verses teach us about God's relationship to us? What do they teach about God's characteristic response toward us? How does knowing this truth impact how you pray, regardless of how God answers? Take a few moments to think about your relationship with the Father. Record your thoughts and emotions.

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Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

# $Ask, Seek, Knock \\ \text{week twelve} \mid \text{journal}$




# The Wide & Narrow Gates

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### The Wide & Narrow Gates

#### Matthew 7:13-23

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

#### Supplementary Scriptures:

John 10:7

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep."

#### Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

# The Wide & Narrow Gates week thirteen | sermon notes


### The Wide & Narrow Gates week thirteen | daily devotionals

**Directions:** Start by reading this week's Scripture passage, and then follow the prompts for each day. Use the journal pages provided to record your thoughts, insights, and prayers. Each day, end your time in prayer, using the P.R.A.Y. format.

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#### Day

- Begin your time with prayer for a heart and an attitude of listening.

  Read the entire passage. What stands out to you after reading? Choose one verse that speaks to you and record it in your journal. Write it on an index card and keep in a place where you can see often during the week.
- Read verses 13-14. How to find the narrow gate may seem like a puzzle to many. Look at the supplementary Scripture. What does Jesus say? The narrow road leads to life and the wide road leads to destruction. Why do you think it's so hard for people to enter through the narrow gate? Spend some time reflecting on and journaling about how you personally found the gate. How could you best invite someone else to go through the gate?
- Read verses 15-20. What kind of false teaching is most likely to trick you? What does Jesus recommend to keep you from being taken in? What happens to a tree that does not bear good fruit according to verse 19? Think about your own life these days. What kind of fruit are you producing? Refer to the supplementary Scripture in Galatians. Write a prayer asking for the Spirit's help in producing good fruit.

# The Wide & Narrow Gates

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### The Wide & Narrow Gates week thirteen | daily devotionals

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Day

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Read verses 21-23. Consider 1 Samuel 16:7b which says, "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Does that verse help to explain why Jesus is speaking so sharply to these people despite their marvelous deeds? What are some ways in which you can grow to have a better match between what you appear to be and what is really in your heart? Record your insights.

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Reread the entire passage. What was most impactful to you this week? Look up the passage in a different translation of the Bible and compare it to the NIV passage you read this week. What new insights do you get? Reread the passage, and look at your notes from Day 1. Note any additions, changes, or new insights. Meditate on this week's passage and write a prayer about any areas where you need the Spirit's power.

# The Wide & Narrow Gates


# Reflections & Growth

Let God use your story in a powerful way to change the lives of others. Would you be willing to share your reflections? Please e-mail jackie@thechapel.org If you're in a Small Group, consider sharing with your group.

# Reflections & Growth what is your story?

<b>Praise:</b> Acknowledge God's power, beauty, wisdom, love, etc. Thank him specifically for the blessings in your life. What did God do throughout this study that you can praise Him for? Refer back through your devotions for a reminder of His blessings. What specific character of God have you come to appreciate even more as a result of this series?
<b>Repent:</b> Confess any known sin (be specific), thank him for his forgiveness based on the cross of Christ, and ask for the grace to live differently. In what areas has the Spirit convicted you in the past thirteen weeks? What steps of obedience have you taken to become more of who God calls you to be?
Ask: Pray first for the important people in your life, then for yourself. Again, be specific! Refer back to your prayer pages where you recorded your answers to your prayer requests each week. Thank God for the answered prayers, even if the answers may not have been what you expected. Which prayers do you believe God is telling you to pray without ceasing?
Yield: Joyfully acknowledge that you want to be part of building his kingdom – not your own. Ask for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit, so you can represent Jesus well and be ready to follow wherever God leads. End your time in prayer, asking God to fill you with the Spirit's power so that you can become more like Jesus.