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11 Bible studies on Matthew 16-18

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Introduction

MATTHEW CHAPTERS 16-18

Matthew 16 tells us about the Pharisees' demand for a sign, their dangerous attitudes, Peter's declaration of Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus' prediction of his death.

Matthew 17 contains the account of the Transfiguration, the deliverance of a boy with seizures, and the miraculous payment of the Temple tax.

In Matthew 18, Jesus teaches his disciples about who is the greatest, how to avoid sin, restoring those who have wandered away, dealing with those who have sinned, and forgiveness.

TOPICS COVERED

The eleven Bible studies in this series look at the following topics: The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees, Who Do You Say Jesus Is? The Death of the Messiah, The Transfiguration, Faith and Unbelief, Paying Taxes, Becoming Like Little Children, Cutting Out Sin, Lost Sheep, Godly Confrontation, Unforgiveness.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

Each Bible study has four questions. The four questions follow a model based on the anagram READ.

1. Research

Look at the Bible text in more detail.

2. Explore

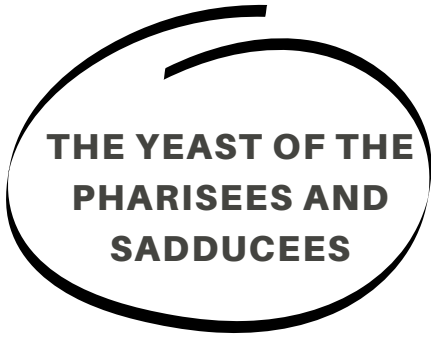
Look for themes throughout the Bible.

3. Apply

Look back at examples from your own life or those around you.

4. Do

Look forward to the future, and plan any changes you need to make.



Matthew 16:1-12

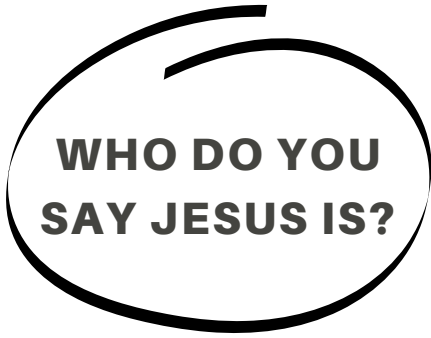
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What did Jesus mean by the phrase 'the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees'?

What did the Pharisees and Sadducees believe? Why did they disagree? Why do you think they came together to test Jesus? (See for example — Matthew 23:1-7; Mark 12:18-27; Acts 4:1-3; Acts 23:6-10; Philippians 3:1-11)

What steps can we take to safeguard ourselves from developing the mindset of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

Examine your heart. Have you become distracted, judgemental or cynical? Focus your attention on Jesus again. Remind yourself of God's love for you and your eternal hope in him.



Matthew 16:13-20

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Who or what is the rock on which Jesus will build his church? What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

What is the significance of the title "Son of Man" and who does it refer to? (See, for example — Matthew 8:20, 10:23, 11:19, 12:40, 13:41, 16:27-28, 17:9, 24:27-44, 26:2, 24; Daniel 7:13-14)

If someone asked you, "Who is Jesus?" what would your response be?"

Ask God what you can do today to help build his church.



Matthew 16:21-28

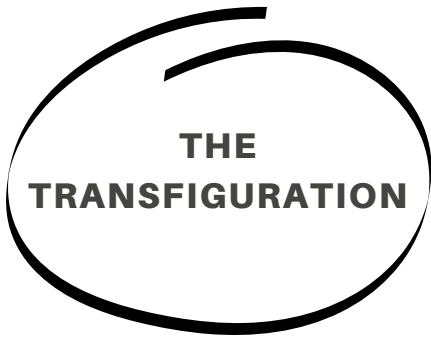
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Why was Peter so offended by the idea of Jesus dying?

Can you think of any Old Testament scriptures that refer to the Messiah's death and resurrection? (See, for example — Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Zechariah 12:10; Psalm 22)

What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus in today's society?

Spend some time thanking Jesus for dying on the cross for you.



Matthew 17:1-13

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Why did Moses and Elijah appear on the mountain with Jesus?

How does Jesus' transformation on the mountain compare to his appearance in Revelation 1:12-18?

If Jesus asked you to join him on a mountain to reveal his glory, how would you respond?

Spend time worshipping God. Picture Jesus in all his glory in heaven. Then imagine him walking beside you as you go about your daily life.



Matthew 17:14-21

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Why did the disciples have difficulty casting out the demon? Why did Jesus use the phrase “you unbelieving and perverse generation”?

What does the Bible say about unbelief? (See for example — Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 9:14-29; John 20:24-29; Romans 11:17-24; 2 Timothy 2:11-13; Hebrews 3:12-13; Revelation 21:8)

How can we increase our faith?

Confess your unbelief to God and ask him to increase your faith. Pray for him to work through you and perform supernatural miracles.



Matthew 17:22-27

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Why do you think this passage was included in Matthew's gospel?

What was the purpose of the temple tax and how was the money used? (See, for example — 2 Chronicles 24:4-14; Nehemiah 10:28-33)

What are your views on paying taxes?

Are you struggling with your finances? Ask God for his wisdom and provision to help you.



Matthew 18:1-5

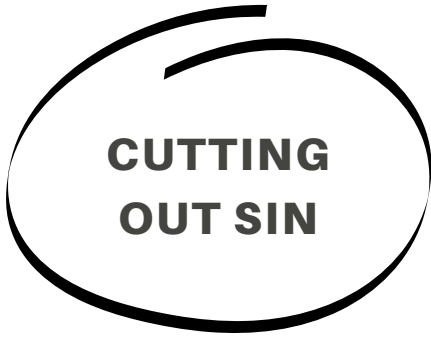
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How can we change and become like little children?

What does the Bible say about humility? (See, for example — 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 149:4; Proverbs 11:2, 22:4; Isaiah 66:2; Zephaniah 2:3; Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:3,8; Colossians 2:23; James 3:13, 4:6,10; 1 Peter 5:5-6)

How important is your status to you?

Ask God to show you how to value and serve the lowliest people in your community.



Matthew 18:6-9

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What lesson did Jesus want his disciples to learn from this parable? Why did he use such vivid metaphors?

What else does the Bible say about discipline and pruning? (See, for example — John 15:1-8; Hebrews 12:4-11)

What stumbling blocks cause us to sin?

Is there something in your life that God wants to remove?



**LOST
SHEEP**

Matthew 18:10-14

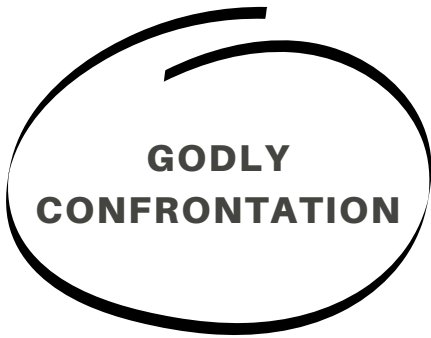
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In Matthew's Gospel, what is the context of this parable? To whom does it refer?

What similarities and differences can you find between Matthew 18:10-14 and Ezekiel 34:1-16?

How can we restore those who have wandered away from God?

Ask God to reveal to you anyone you can help lead back to Him.



Matthew 18:15-20

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What does this passage refer to? What does it mean to loose or bind something on earth?

Deuteronomy 19:15 talks about listening to the testimony of two or three witnesses. Why is this important?

How should we react when another Christian has sinned against us or hurt us?

Do you need to confront someone about their behaviour? Make a plan and decide how you can do this in a godly way.



Matthew 18:21-35

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What can we learn about forgiveness through this parable?

What does the Bible say about mercy? (See, for example — Exodus 33:19; 1 Chronicles 21:13; Nehemiah 9:30-31; Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:7; Luke 6:35-36; James 2:12-13)

Have you ever struggled to forgive someone?

Ask God to help you forgive those you have not forgiven, including yourself. Ask him to set you free and heal you.

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