

2019 Summer



JUNE 2- AUGUST 25
MATTHEW 5, 6, 7

WEEK	FOCUS
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June 2-8	5:1-12
June 9-15	5:13-20
June 16-22	5:21-30
June 23-29	5:31-37
June 30-July 6	5:38-48
July 7-13.....	6:1-8
July 14-20.....	6:9-18
July 21-27.....	6:19-24
July 28-Aug 3	6:25-34
August 4-10.....	7:1-12
August 11-17.....	7:13-20
August 18-24.....	7:21-29

SEPTEMBER 8 – FALL KICK-OFF
“WELCOME” LUNCH

WEEK 12

| Aug. 18–Aug. 24

Focus

| Matthew 7:21-29

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| What a challenging passage! Jesus says that we can talk about God and even do things in God's name without really knowing Him. Jesus is not to be just a part of our lives, but He is to be the foundation that we build our lives on! Let us know Jesus more and more every day!

MEMORIZING TIP

| Keep going! Be encouraged by the verses you've studied and reflected on. Learn from your memorizing experience (what worked, what didn't). Keep sharing with others about how God is leading you through His Word.

WEEK 11

| Aug. 11–Aug. 17

Focus

| Matthew 7:13-20

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

We have a choice to make: which path do we take? Jesus offers us life and calls us to the narrow path, but we are often being distracted and called to follow the wide path. Jesus urges us to watch out and discern the truth of what others say and do.

MEMORIZING TIP

Organize or outline the passage. Match up phrases that go together, that contrast, or that form a list. Phrases and verses can be grouped together to help you remember what the passage says and where you are in the passage.

WEEK 10

| Aug. 4–Aug. 10

Focus

| Matthew 7:1-12

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

This week, Jesus says so much in 12 verses. He challenges us to be discerning in our perception and action towards others (vs. 1-6, 12). He encourages us to ask, seek, and knock (vs. 7-8). He also gives us a glimpse into God's heart and His desire to give to us when we ask Him (vs. 9-11).

MEMORIZING TIP

Jesus often uses lots of descriptions and imagery. Use your creative gifts to understand and remember these passages. Picture the described images in your head. Draw a picture of what Jesus is saying.

WEEK 9

| July 28–Aug. 3

Focus

| Matthew 6:25-34

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| It is incredibly easy to worry about things that go on in life. In this passage, Jesus reminds us that, if God takes care of birds and flowers, He will also take care of us. Jesus exhorts us to seek God, His kingdom, and His righteousness. God will provide!

MEMORIZING TIP

| Learn from each other! Talk about the passages you are studying, share ways to memorize that have worked for you, and hear the ways that others are doing it. Share the joys and struggles of memorizing Scripture to spur each other on.

WEEK 8

| July 21–July 27

Focus

| Matthew 6:19-24

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| Jesus says that where our treasure is, there our heart is also. Are we focusing our efforts on serving God or are we focusing our efforts on serving ourselves? Do we have eternity with God in mind or are our present circumstances occupying our thoughts?

MEMORIZING TIP

| Stuck on a verse? Write it down on a whiteboard, read it a few times, erase a couple words, read it again filling in the gaps, and repeat until the verse sticks. Be sure you can fill in the gaps well before erasing more words.

WEEK 7

| July 14–July 20

Focus

| Matthew 6:9-18

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

This week's passage includes one of the most famous Bible passages: the Lord's Prayer. In this, Jesus is directing our focus to God. God is the one who is holy, who is building His kingdom, who provides our needs, who forgives, and who delivers us. It is not about us, but God!

MEMORIZING TIP

Quote or explain a passage to someone. Being able to articulate it to someone else helps you remember the passage better, and it gives you the opportunity to share the encouragement of learning and knowing the Bible with someone else.

WEEK 6

| July 7–July 13

Focus

| Matthew 6:1-8

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| As we begin Matthew 6, Jesus challenges our motives for doing righteous things. This week, we look at giving and prayer. Are we giving and praying so others are impressed or to be thanked? Or are we giving and praying out of love for and obedience to God?

MEMORIZING TIP

| Write it down. When writing something, you have to know what you are writing which brings a short-term memory of words and phrases as you write them out. Then, once written out, you can review what you have written.

WEEK 5

| June 30-July 6

Focus

| Matthew 5:38-48

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| As we focus on the end of chapter 5, Jesus challenges us to show love beyond what we think is fair. He encourages forgiveness over revenge, generosity to others, and love and prayer for our enemies and strangers. This is the love of God that He has shown for us!

MEMORIZING TIP

| Review. As we conclude Matthew 5 this week, it is a great time to look back over the chapter. Reading it as a whole chapter and putting each section together can help organize and connect it all together in your mind, aiding with recall.

WEEK 4

| June 23-29

FOCUS

| Matthew 5:31-37

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| Jesus teaches about commitments, specifically referring to marriage and verbal commitments. Jesus urges us to be people whose word is trustworthy and truthful and who follow through with our promises and commitments.

MEMORIZING TIP

| Use technology! Bible apps (like YouVersion) provide Bible access on the go as well as helpful resources to aid in Bible study. BibleMemory.com is a useful website that helps with memorizing and reviewing.

WEEK 3

| June 16 -22

FOCUS

| Matthew 5:21-30

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

“You have heard that it was said . . . , but I tell you”

This week Jesus challenges our view of sin. Not only is sin a matter of actions (murder, adultery), but it is also a matter of the heart. Jesus exhorts us to watch out for what causes us to sin and cut it out of our lives.

MEMORIZING TIP

Are you busy?
Incorporate Scripture into daily tasks. Print off sections and stick them somewhere to read (bathroom mirror, fridge, desk).
Listen while you drive.
Find what works for you and go for it!

WEEK 2

| June 9 - 15

Focus

| Matthew 5:13-20

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| In verse 20, Jesus tells his disciples that their righteousness must surpass the righteousness of the Jewish religious leaders, who by human standards were as righteous as one could get. Only through Jesus are we truly righteous, and only through Jesus can we be salt and light.

MEMORIZING TIP

| Don't do it alone! Invite your family, friends, small group, or whoever to take the challenge with you. Read and memorize together, encourage, talk about the passage, share the excitements and struggles of the challenge.

WEEK 1

| June 2 - 8

FOCUS

| Matthew 5:1-12

ABOUT THE PASSAGE

| In this passage, commonly referred to as the Beatitudes, Jesus challenges our idea of what it means to be blessed. When things are going well, we often say that we are blessed. But, what if things aren't going well? What does it truly mean to be blessed?

MEMORIZING TIP

| Reading a passage out loud every day engages multiple senses (reading, speaking, hearing) and provides repetition which leads to familiarity, recall, and memorizing!