

February Memory Verse

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

February Big Picture Question

What makes Jesus different?

Jesus is God's One and only Son.

Jesus loved and cared for all people.

Jesus used stories called parables to teach people about God.

Day One

11:1-30

Discussion questions:

- Why do you think John was still uncertain about who Jesus was?
- What does it look like to find rest in Jesus?

Quiz yourself:

- What are some things Jesus says about John?
- Why was Jesus denouncing these cities?

Day Two

12:1-21

Important to Know:

The Sabbath was a special day that God commanded the people to follow special rules for resting on. There was a popular belief in Jesus's day that if there could be one Sabbath kept perfectly by everyone then God's Kingdom would come.

Discussion questions:

- Why do you think this encounter started the Pharisees plotting to kill Jesus?
- What are some things we do in the church that are important to you? How can we make sure we continue to do those things in ways that are in line with how God wants us to worship?

Quiz Yourself:

- What things did Jesus do that bothered the Pharisees?
- What Old Testament story did Jesus reference in talking about the Sabbath?

Day Three

12:22-50

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus stresses the importance of what sort of things we say. How can we make sure we are saying good things?
- Peoples' experiences of Jesus led them to think very different things about him. What has your experience of Jesus been like?

Quiz Yourself:

- What are different people's reaction to Jesus casting out demons?
- Who did Jesus say is his family?

Day Four

13:1-23

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Jesus speaks in parables? Pay special attention to w. 13-15. How do you feel about that?
- What is this parable urging you to do?

Quiz Yourself:

- What does Jesus say the different soils represent?
- Where were Jesus and the crowd while he was speaking?

Day Five

13:24-58

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Jesus explains some parables and doesn't others?
- Which of these parables relates most to how you think about God's kingdom?

Quiz Yourself:

- What are 3 different things Jesus says the Kingdom is like?
- Where did Jesus not do many miracles?