

Day 1

Matthew 21

Why was Jesus so upset when he entered the temple? What does this say about the religious leaders who ran the temple? Verses 18-22 can seem a little harsh, but a fig tree was symbolic of Israel's religious leaders. What statement is Jesus making by cursing the tree because of its lack of fruit? What does this chapter teach us about the Kingdom of God and what it means to live into it?

Day 2

Matthew 22:15-22

How did the Pharisees try and trap Jesus? What does Jesus mean when he says, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's"? What does this tell us about the Kingdom of God? How does this challenge you?

Day 3

Psalms 65

What does this Psalm have to say about joy? Verse 8 seems to suggest that joy is a matter of awareness. At this moment, what are some of the things you are grateful for?

Day 4

Romans 8

According to this passage, what are some of the "joys" that we have in Christ? How does this encourage you?

Day 5

Exodus 16:1-18 & Philippians 2:12-18

Why did the people "grumble" before the Lord? What does this tell us about them? In Philippians 2 Paul is referencing Exodus 16 when he says, "Do everything without grumbling or arguing." What is the message Paul is trying to get through to us? What do you find yourself complaining the most about? Is there some sort of gift of which you aren't aware?

Day 6

John 1:1-18 & 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

What does the passage in John say to us about both God's love and God's broken heart for the world? What does the passage in 2 Corinthians say about our embodying both of them at the same time? What does that look like in your own life?

Day 7

Matthew 11:25-30

What does Jesus mean when he says, "my yoke is easy and my burden is light"? When you read, "you will find rest for your souls," what does it make you think of? After four weeks of learning about the Kingdom of God, what in your life has to change in order for you to more fully live into it?