

God is with us on the mountain.

We forget about God on the mountain.

“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a **good land** of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills.” *Deuteronomy 8:7*

“When you have eaten your fill, be sure to **praise** the Lord your God for the **good land** he has **given** you.” *Deuteronomy 8:10*

“But that is the time to **be careful!** Beware that in your plenty you **do not forget** the Lord your God and disobey his commands...” *Deuteronomy 8:11*

Good things can become idols.

“But I assure you of this: If you ever **forget** the Lord your God and **follow other gods**, worshiping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed. *Deuteronomy 8:19*

Troubles multiply for those who **chase** after **other** gods.
Psalms 16:4

We can become prideful.

In his **pride** the wicked man does not seek him (God); in all his thoughts there is **no room** for God. *Psalms 10:4*

“Do not become **proud** at that time and **forget** the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.”
Deuteronomy 8:14

“He did all this so you would **never** say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with **my own** strength and energy.’”
Deuteronomy 8:17

“When you are full of you, there is no room for anyone else.”
—Andy Stanley

Acknowledge all good comes from God.

Every **good** and perfect **gift** is from above, coming down from the **Father** of the heavenly lights... *James 1:17*

Live in a rhythm of gratitude.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. *James 4:8*

Where are you forgetting about God?

What rhythms of gratitude do you need to put in place?

One Year New Testament Devotionals

Small group discussion questions related to the weekend message will resume January 6 for our winter semester. Until then, use these One Year New Testament questions to discuss with your small group or answer individually.

Sunday, December 30: Read Revelation 22

A Personal Appointment

Instead of reading this chapter as a vague prediction of the future, read it as a personal appointment with the Lord. Life is temporary, and we are to be ready at all times for the day we meet the Creator. As followers of Christ, we will spend forever with Jesus, but there is a limited amount of time to make an impact for God's kingdom. What can you do today to impact God's kingdom?

Monday, December 31: Read Matthew 1

Choose Influence Over Reputation

When Joseph married a pregnant woman, he gave up his reputation, but his obedience to God gave him influence that stands the test of time. He stepped into his life's purpose by being Jesus' earthly father. In the same way, Matthew (a tax collector and author of this book) found his lasting reputation by following God's will instead of listening to the world. The result? He wrote a book of the Bible and influences many beyond his generation. What difficult decision are you facing that positions you between the world's opinion and God's plan for your life?

Tuesday, January 1: Read Matthew 2

God's Voice

God spoke to Joseph through an angel. Every day, we hear many different voices. How do we distinguish God's voice from others? Read Hebrews 1:1-2. God has chosen His Son, Jesus, to speak to us clearly. Jesus coming to earth says “I will relentlessly pursue you.” His death on a cross says, “no matter what, I forgive you.” His resurrection says, “you can be made brand new and live in freedom.” Because of Jesus, we can know exactly how to live by reading our Bible and relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us. What action is God telling you to step into today?

Wednesday, January 2: Read Matthew 3

Baptism – Our First Next Step

Jesus was the perfect Son of God and Savior of the world, so why would He take the step of being baptized if it wasn't necessary? He asked John to baptize Him because He desired to obey His Heavenly Father. Immediately after, a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, with Him I am pleased.” Jesus knew that obedience to the Father was His ultimate purpose, and He desires this for our life. As a follower of Christ, what circumstance or excuse should keep us from following our Savior's example?

Thursday, January 3: Read Matthew 4

Fighting Temptation

We've all been tempted in big ways and small ways. Jesus shows us how to defeat temptation. 1) Temptation comes when we are weak, so be alert. 2) Scripture is our weapon against temptation, so arm yourself. 3) Remember God is faithful to provide so we can endure. If we give in, temptation leads to sin, but there is always an escape plan. Take it! What's the one thing you are most tempted by right now, and how will you overcome?

Friday, January 4: Read Matthew 5:1-26

You Are The Light Of The World

Christ followers give light to those around them by doing and saying what Jesus did. By growing in relationship with Him every day, we partner with Him in spreading the Gospel. Light is bright, cannot be hidden, and dispels darkness. Jesus said, “let your light shine before others,” calling us to live an active faith. Put your light on its stand, because today's circumstances are an opportunity to shine brightly for the Lord. What situation are you in right now in which you have the chance to exercise faith in God?

Saturday, January 5: Read Matthew 5:27-48

Go Beyond What is Asked Of You

Multiple times Jesus says, “You have heard it said...,” and in this passage, He is talking about the Law of Moses which all Jews lived by and were obedient to. But Jesus' new teaching asks His followers to go above and beyond the Law. He is asking us to love others unconditionally. Jesus' sacrifice was the ultimate example of unconditional love, and He wants us to emulate Him each day. Love does what is best for others. What does love require of you today?