

# Matthew: Week 35

## **Scripture Memory of the Month**

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

## **1) CATCH UP ON LIFE**

*This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)*

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

## **2) CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER**

*We are spending three weeks walking through this chapter and learning about church discipline. We are going to discuss the passage (Matthew 18:7-14) from this Sunday next week, which will allow us to engage both the stakes and the process (Matthew 18:15-20). Before we have that discussion, it's necessary for us to take our own sin seriously, which is what this week's passage calls us to do. So we will care for one another this week and hold one another accountable. Break up into gender-based groups and walk through some of these questions.*

What temptations of the world are dealing with now?

What sin in your life needs to be dealt with aggressively- akin to the cutting off a limb metaphor that Jesus gives (Matthew 18:8)? What drastic steps could you take in this area?

How do we hold one another to this type of accountability?

## **3) REVIEW THE MISSION**

*Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

**People:**

Who can be intentionally living on mission amidst our current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

**Plan:**

Who is one person you can share the gospel with this week? How can that be done under the current constraints? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

How can we be intentional in times like this about sharing the gospel?

**Pray:**

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.