

PART ONE  
WEEKS 1-5



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CELL GROUP STUDY  
MAY 29 - AUGUST 13





# HOW TO USE THE STUDY

Cell Group is "Our disciplined effort to speak the truth one to another in the hope that the church may be brought to maturity." We hope this resource will help you commune with the LORD and his people as you study His Word and speak it to one another in your cell groups, missional communities, and homes.

## WEEKLY STEPS

*For each devotion follow these steps...*

**Step One** | Read the text. We have provided the text in a layout with lots of space to make notes and observations.

**Step Two** | Walk through the 5 steps of the "Interpretive Journey." These steps are designed to help you study the text, identify truth, and discern application.

**Step Three** | Respond in prayer by offering praise, thanksgiving, confession, and petition.

**Step Four** | Summarize what you have learned from the text in the CG Conversation worksheet so that you might be ready to speak the truth with your CG and others.

**Step Five** | Go to corporate worship ready to hear from God as the pastors preach from the text you have been considering each week.

## RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

*Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*

by Carl Truman

As we study Mt 8 - 12, we will be confronted by the reality of Jesus' authority and kingdom. His kingdom rivals the kingdom of the world. *Strange New World* by Carl Truman will help you understand the current conflicts between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Cell Groups that choose to read this together and discuss along side their study of Matthew 8-10 will greatly benefit as Truman will help you think together about how the truth of God's Word should shape our living in the current culture.

# THE INTERPRETIVE JOURNEY

Each week, we will guide you through the study of the text with what is known as "The Interpretive Journey."

The Interpretive Journey helps you know and apply a text with 5 easy steps which have been detailed by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hayes in their great resource, [Grasping God's Word: A Hands-on Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible.](#)

The five steps will be identified in the CG Journal with the following terms:

- 1.Their Town
- 2.The River
- 3.The Principlizing (Truth) Bridge
- 4.The Biblical Map
- 5.Our Town

Here is a summary of each step along with the key question at each step you are trying to answer before moving on to the next phase of the journey.

## STEP #1 | GRASPING THE TEXT IN THEIR TOWN

*Key Question | "What did the text mean to the original audience?"*

In this first step we are concerned with what actually happened in the text. At this point we are not trying to discern its significance for us but we are simply collecting objective information.

Here we are asking questions such as:

- Who wrote the text?
- Did the author instruct the original reader to do anything?
- Who were the original recipients?
- What happened to the characters in the text? Who said and did what?



In step 1, "we read the text and observe it" (GGW, p.42). To do this step, the reader must be diligent to "look, look, and look again, observing all [he] can." (GGW, p.42) We must carefully consider the grammar and the contexts - both historical and literary. All of this work helps us first understand what the original readers understood as the meaning and significance.

## STEP #2 | MEASURING THE WIDTH OF THE RIVER TO CROSS

*Key Question | "What are the differences between the biblical audience and us?"*

"The Christian today is separated from the biblical audience by differences in culture, language, situation, time, and often covenant. These differences form a river that hinders us from moving straight from meaning in their context to meaning in ours. The width of the river, however, varies from passage to passage. Sometimes it is extremely wide, requiring a long, substantial bridge for crossing. Other times, however, it is a narrow creek that we can easily hop over. It is obviously important to know just how wide the river is before we start to construct a principlizing bridge." (GGW, p.42-43)

## STEP #3 | CROSSING THE PRINCIPLIZING BRIDGE

*Key Question | "What is the theological principle in this text?"*

We must remember this principle is not for us to create or impose on the text. Instead, we are seeking to discover or see it in the text.

# THE INTERPRETIVE JOURNEY

Our principle should (GGW, p. 45)

- Be reflected in the text
- Be timeless and not tied to a specific age
- Not be culturally bound
- Correspond to the teaching of the rest of Scripture
- Be relevant to both the biblical and the contemporary audience

Our theological principle should be true at all times, in all places, for all people.

## **STEP #4 | CONSULT THE BIBLICAL MAP**

*Key Question | “How does our theological principle fit with the rest of the Bible?”*

Since we are flawed interpreters, we must test our theological principle against the rest of Scripture.

By checking the rest of Scripture you may learn new insights and gain a fuller understanding of your principle. You may also learn that your principle contradicts the Scriptures and needs to be modified or all out rejected before you continue. “If your principle is valid, it ought to ‘fit’ or ‘correlate’ with the rest of the Bible.” (GGW, p.45)

## **STEP #5 | GRASPING THE TEXT IN OUR TOWN**

*Key Question | “How should individual Christians today live out the theological principles?”*

In this final step, theology meets practice. We make statements in this step such as. “Since \_\_\_\_\_ is true, we should \_\_\_\_\_.” Our diligence in discovering the principle truth allows us at this point to prescribe right action in any context. “While for each passage there will usually be only a few (and often only one) theological principles relevant for all Christians today, there will be numerous application possibilities.” (GGW, p.46) Good work in the first four steps will equip us to discern what thoughts, feelings, and actions please the LORD!



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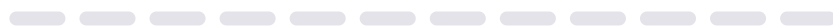
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# WEEK ONE



MATTHEW 8:1-17

PHYSICAL  
HEALING

Matthew 8:1-17

Read Matthew 8:1-17

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

1 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.

2 And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”

3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

The Faith of a Centurion

5 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him,

6 “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.”

7 And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

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9 For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.

11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,

12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

13 And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

### Jesus Heals Many

14 And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever.

15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him.

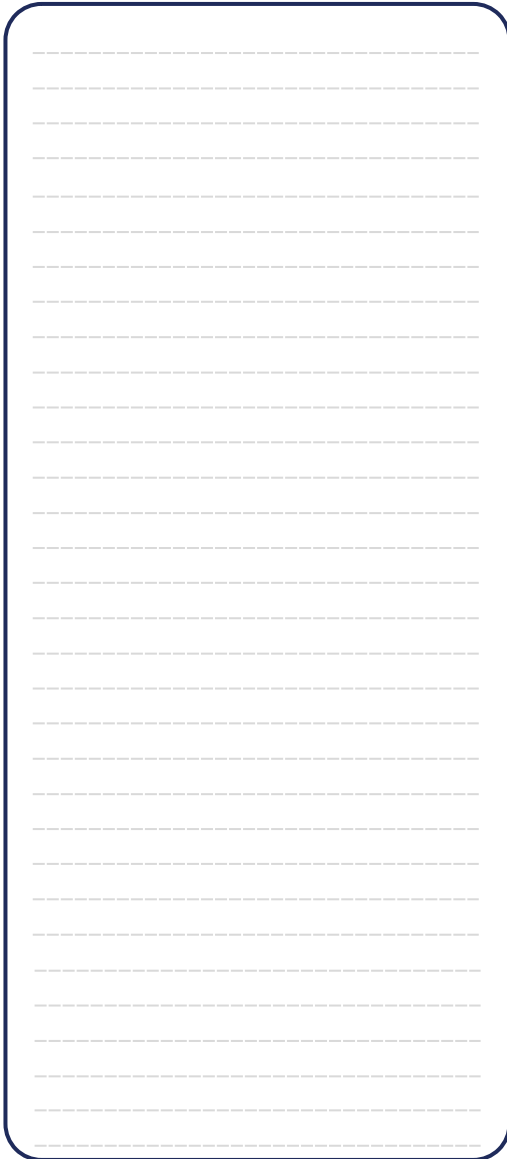
16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

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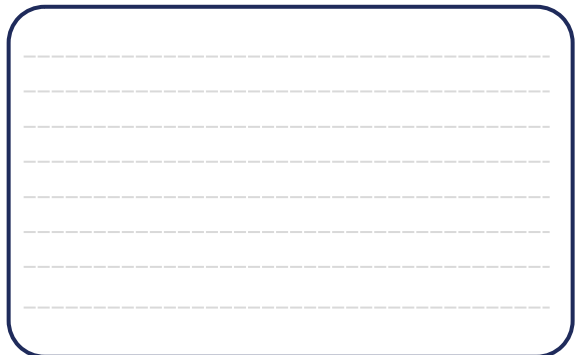
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# WEEK TWO



MATTHEW 8:18-27

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18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side.

20 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

22 And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

25 And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.”

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26 And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

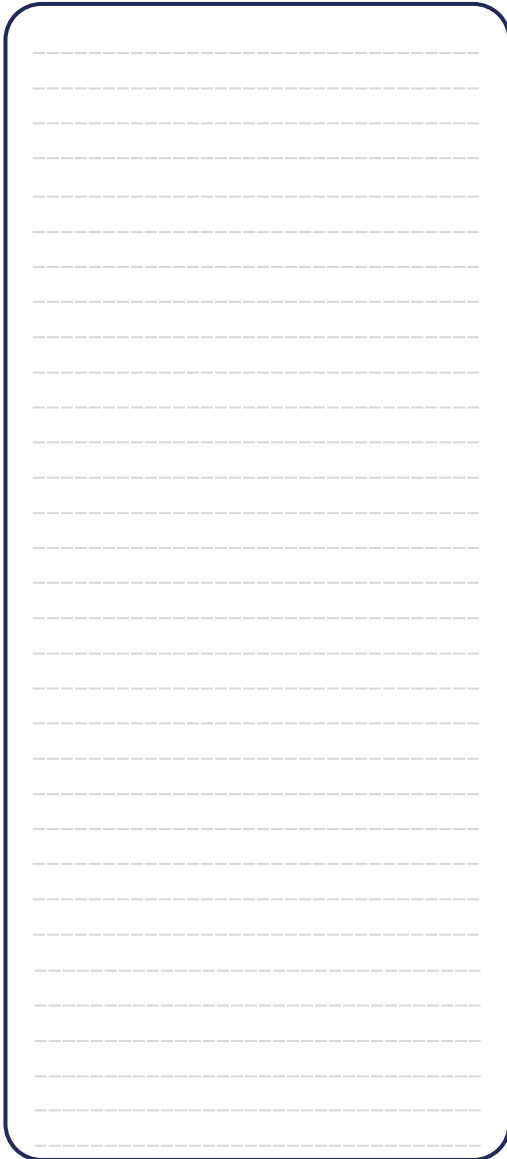
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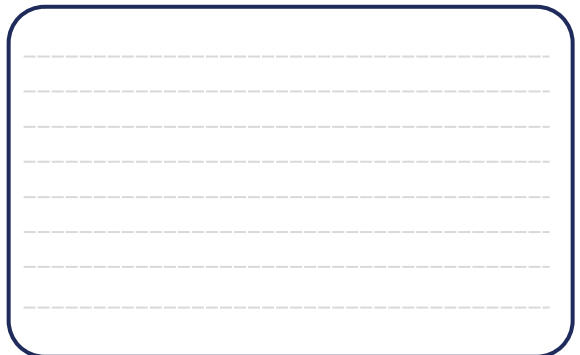
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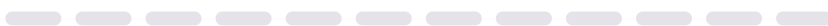
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# SERMON NOTES

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# WEEK THREE



MATTHEW 8:28-9:8

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## Jesus Heals Two Men with Demons

## Jesus Heals a Paralytic

1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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## Week Three | Matthew 8:28 - 9:8

2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."

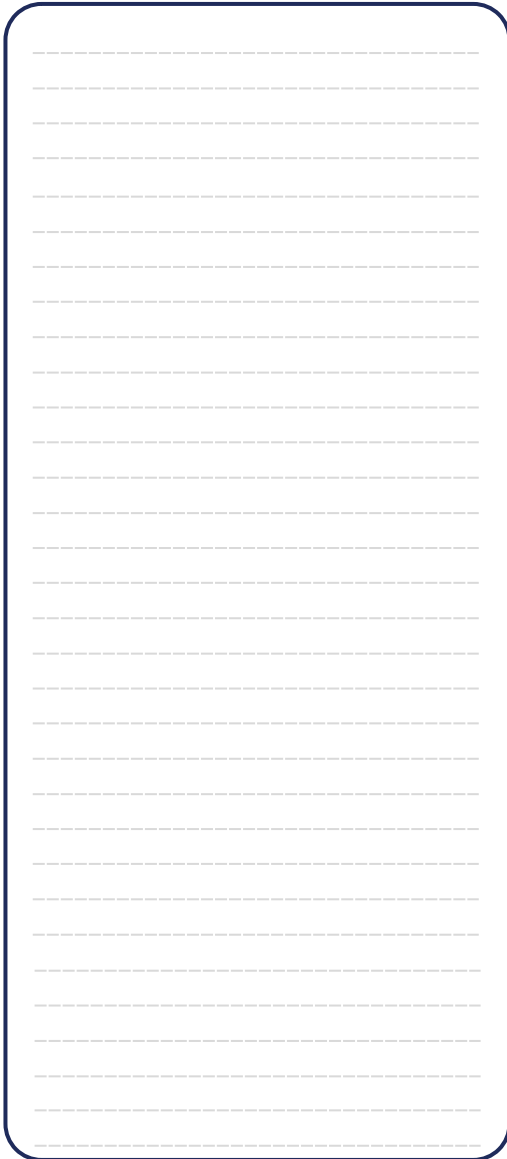
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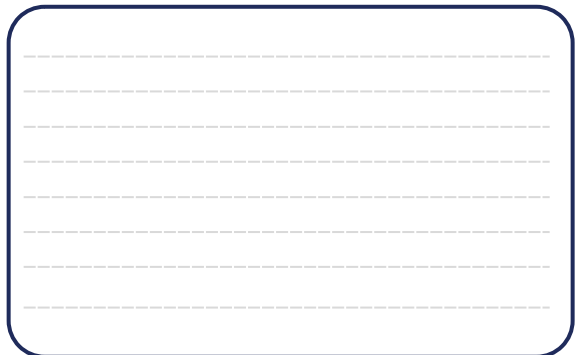
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# WEEK FOUR



MATTHEW 9:9-17

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9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

13 Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”

15 And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

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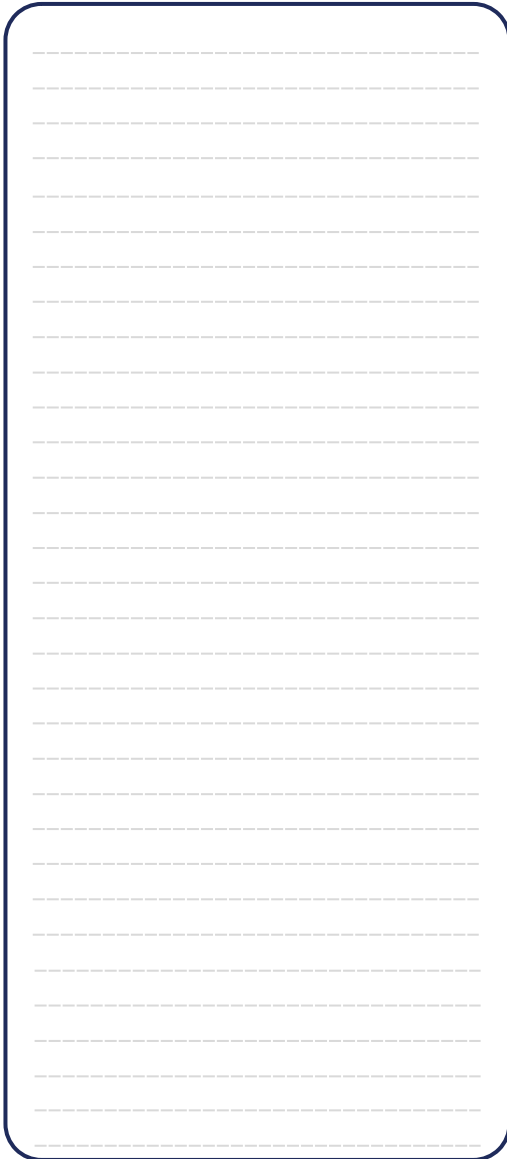
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17 Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

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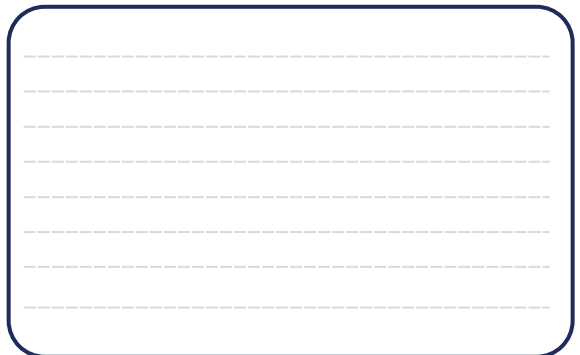
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## A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

26 And the report of this went through all that district.

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Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David."

28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you."

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, "See that no one knows about it."

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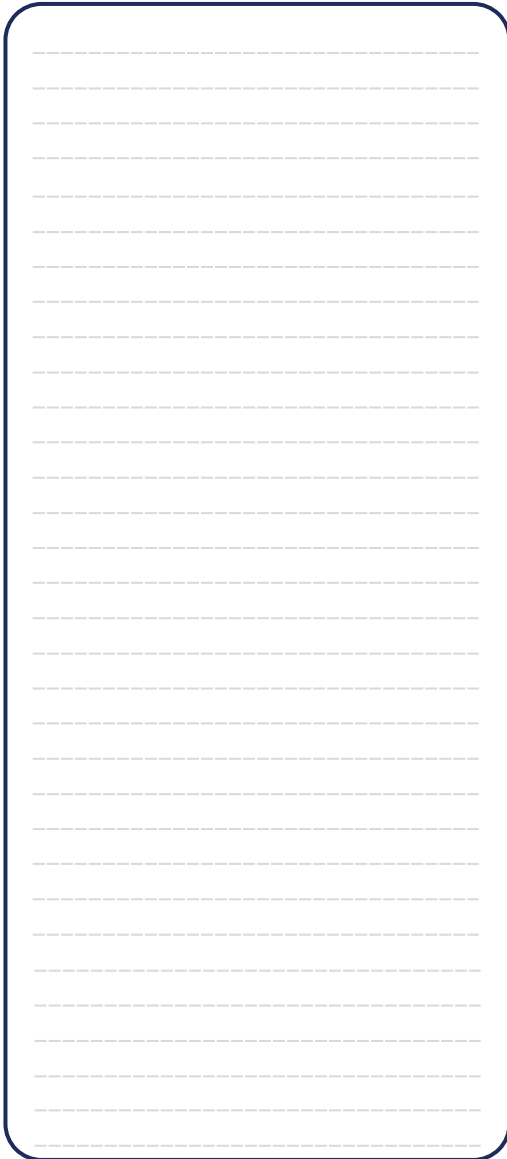
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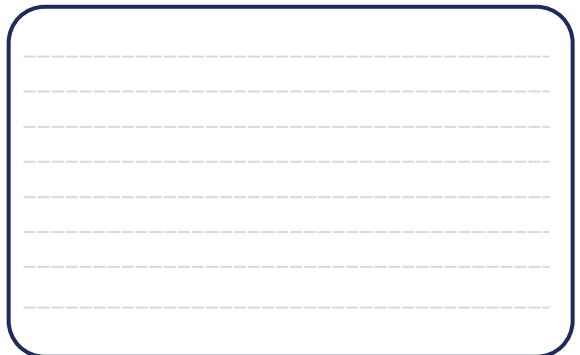
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**MATTHEW 9:35-10:15**

# SHARED AUTHORITY

## The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

## The Twelve Apostles

4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts,

10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.

11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.

12 As you enter the house, greet it.

13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

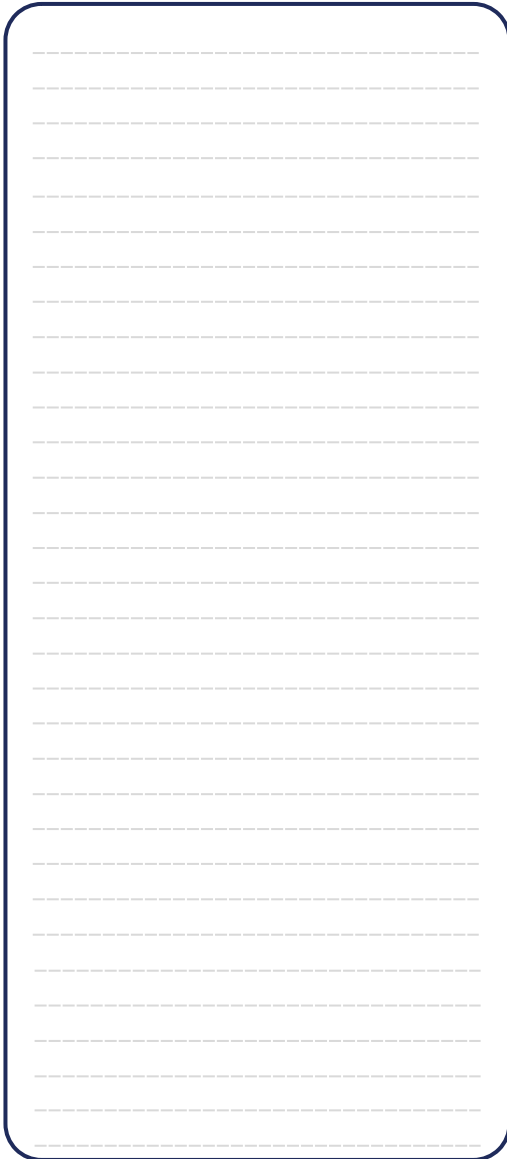
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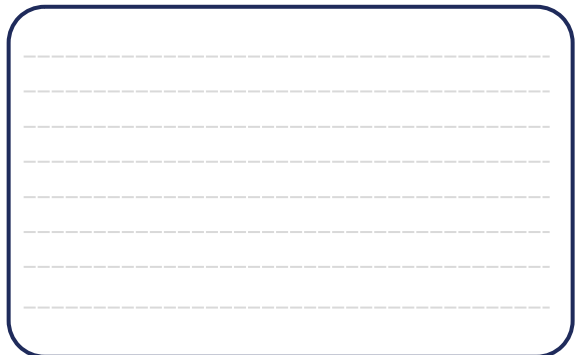
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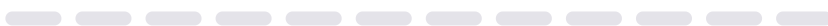
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**MATTHEW 10:16-42**

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16 “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

19 When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

21 Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,

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23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

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27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

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29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household.

37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

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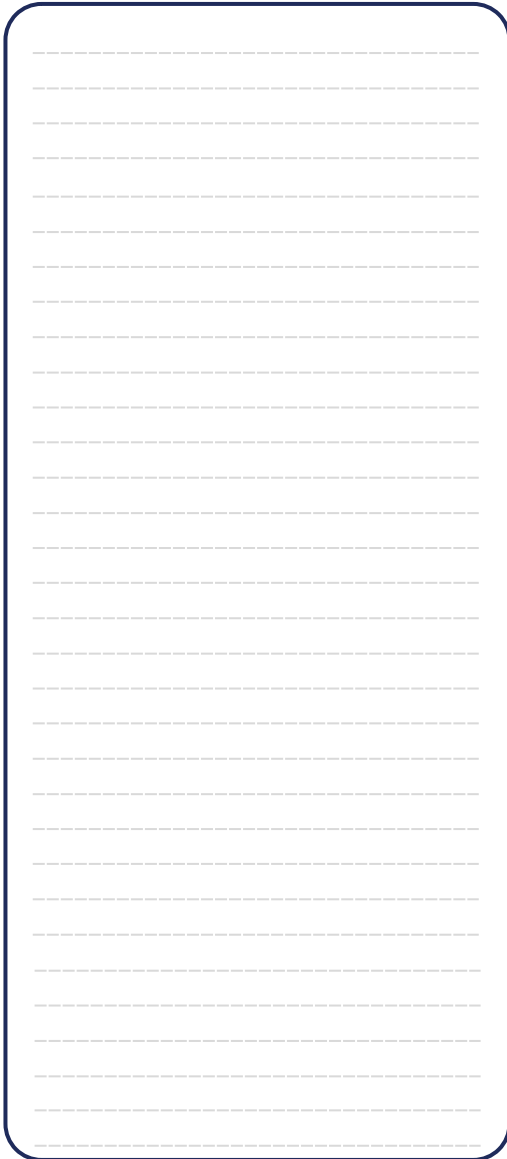
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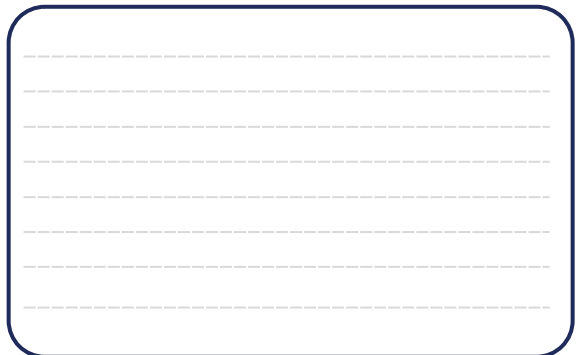
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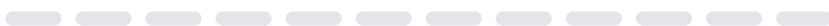
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Messengers from John the Baptist

1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples

3 and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

4 And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see:

5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.

9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is he of whom it is written, “ ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,

14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

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## Week Eight | Matthew 11:1-30

15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 “ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

### Woe to the Unrepentant Cities

20 Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

### Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

25 At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;

26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

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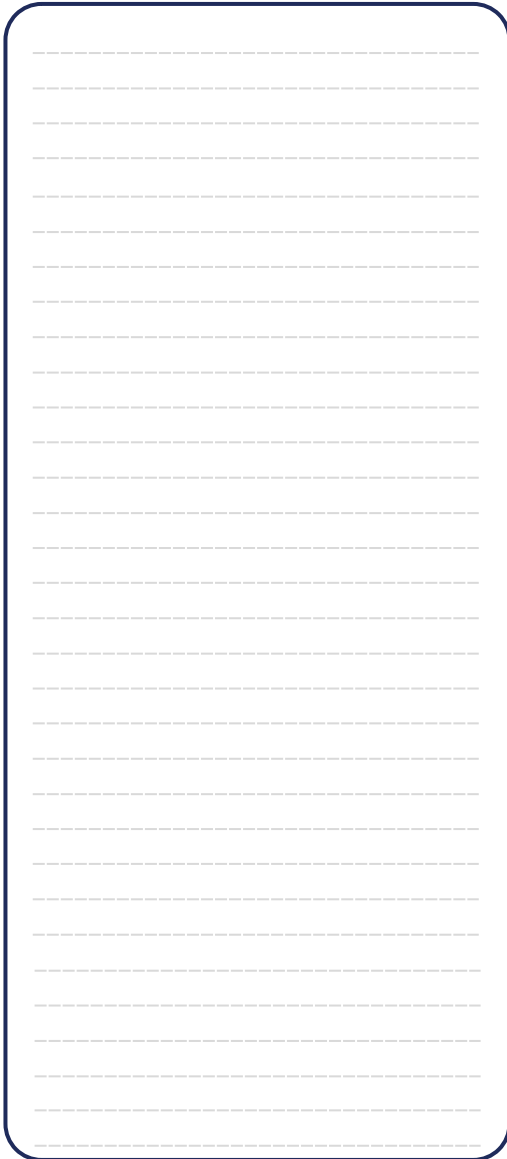
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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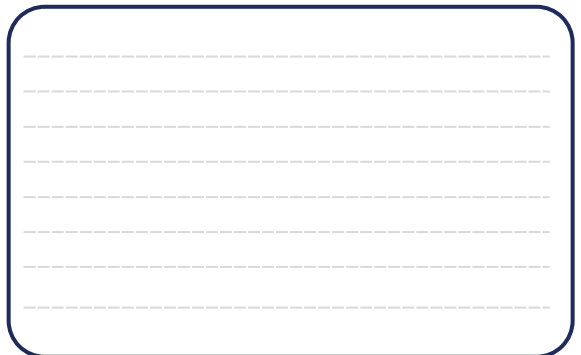
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Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”

3 He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him:

4 how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless?

6 I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.

7 And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

A Man with a Withered Hand

9 He went on from there and entered their synagogue.

10 And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him.

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11 He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out?"

12 Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

13 Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other.

14 But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

### God's Chosen Servant

15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all

16 and ordered them not to make him known.

17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;

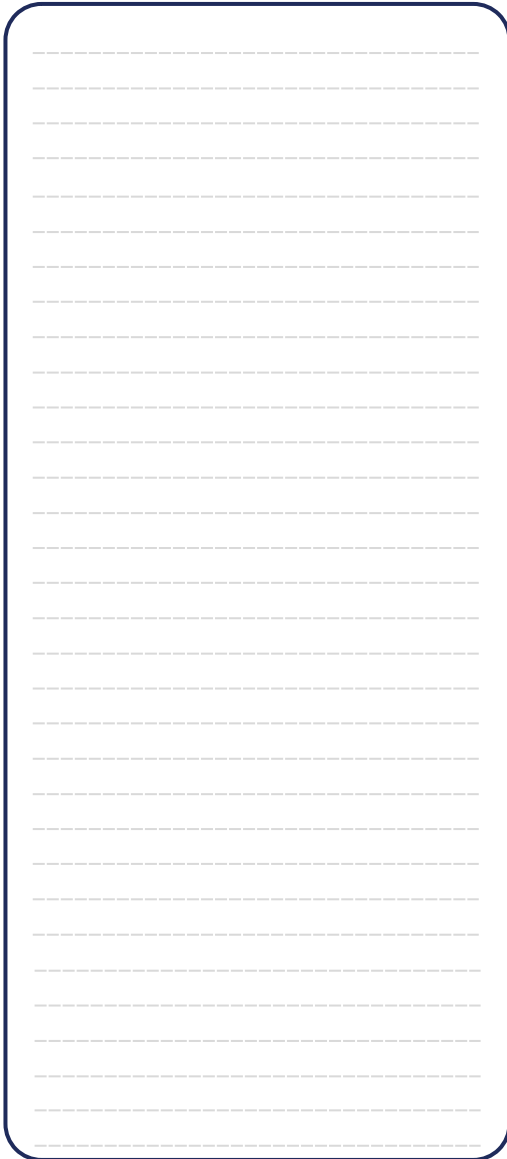
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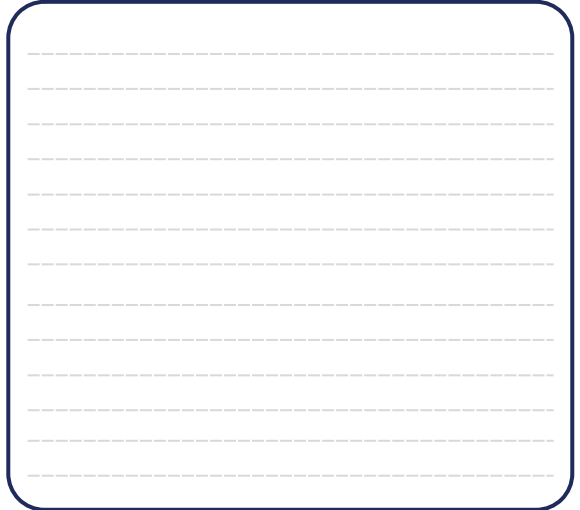
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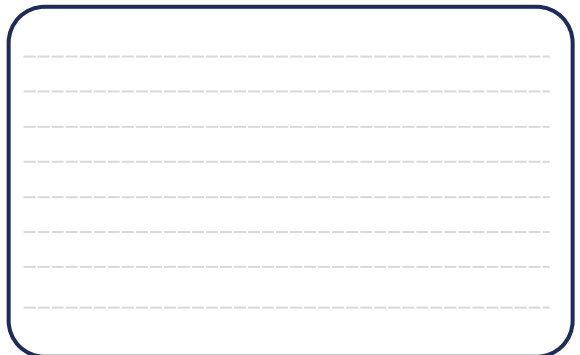
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MATTHEW 12:22-37

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22 Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw.

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.”

25 Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons,  
then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

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30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

### A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

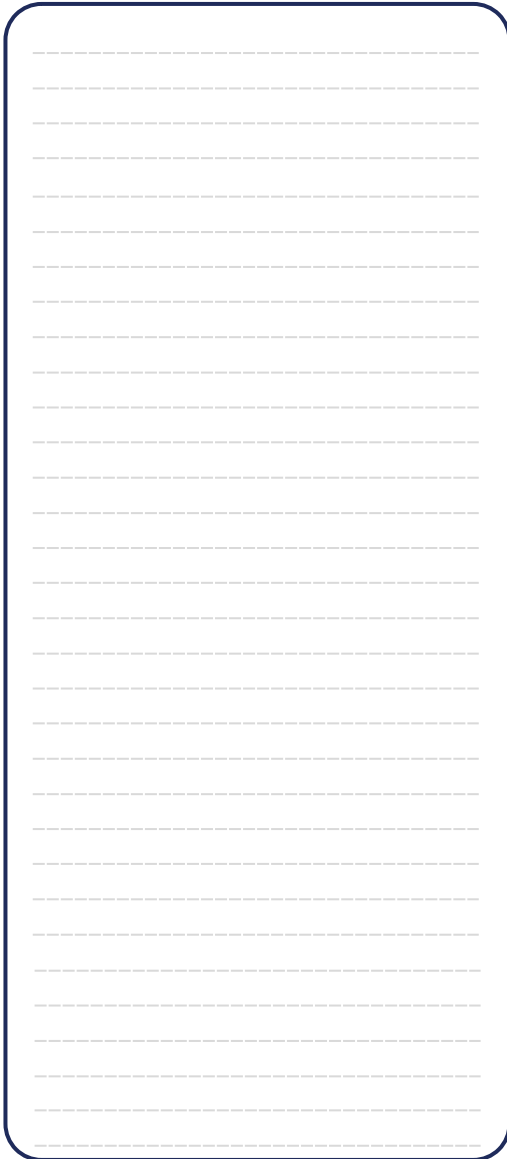
36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,

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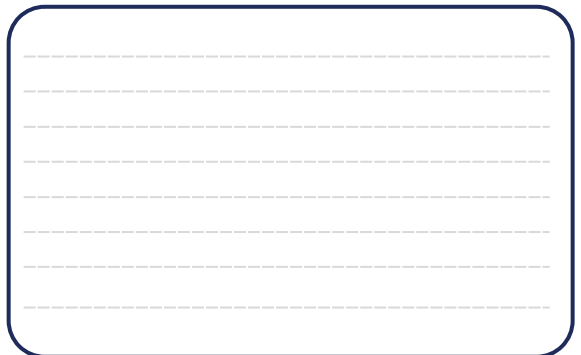
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40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.

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45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.

48 But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”

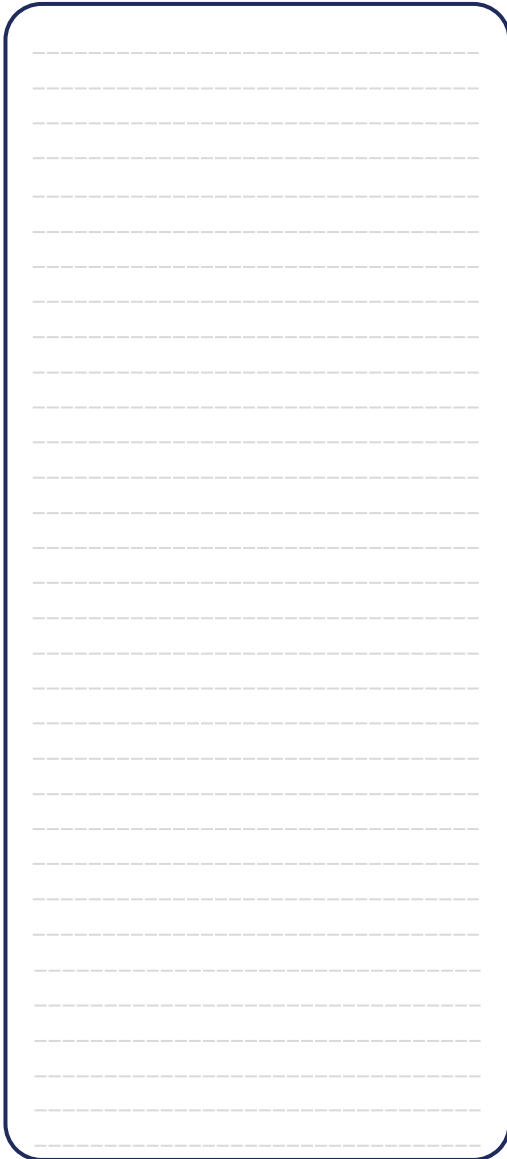
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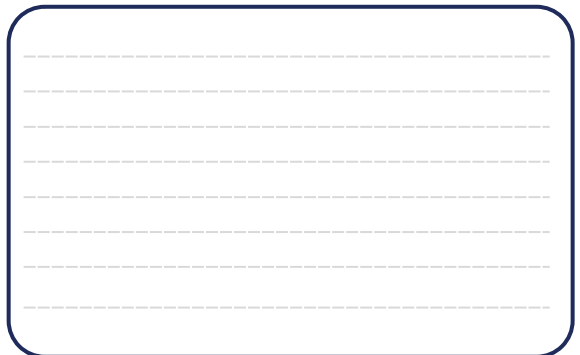
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