

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FOR MATTHEW

WARM UP

Share a time you made a plan, and it turned out as you hoped. (a trip, an event, a surprise, a goal, etc.)

What stood out most from Sunday's sermon on the book of Matthew?

EXPLORATION

1. Matthew is one of the 4 accounts of Jesus' life (Gospels, or "Good News"). Read Matthew 5:17 and 22:37-40. How do these verses uniquely identify Jesus and His purpose for coming to earth?
2. More than any other gospel Matthew references prophecies that Jesus fulfilled. Read these verses and discuss God's purpose in giving prophecy and fulfilling it. Verses: Matthew 1:22, 2:4-5, 8:16-17, and 13:34-35.
3. Jesus preached "the Sermon on the Mount" which was recorded by Matthew in chapters 5-7. Read the beginning of the sermon in Matthew 5:2-12. What stands out to you in these instructions on how God wants us to live? What does He want us to prioritize?
4. From the beginning to the end of Matthew, God reveals His purpose for us. Read Matthew 5: 14-16 and 28:19-20. How can we bear witness to God's amazing plan?

APPLICATION

Matthew's gospel shows us that Jesus is the promised Savior, and it is full of His instructions about God's priorities for us. Have several people in your group share how you first met Jesus and how the book of Matthew is challenging you to live more like Him.