



## A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of September 26, 2021

### He Sat Down & Taught Them

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from Matthew 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

#### First, some background....

Matthew 4:12-17

Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

<sup>12</sup> Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ([Isaiah 9:1-2](#))

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

- The first chapters of the Gospel of Matthew tell us about the birth, baptism, and temptation of Jesus. Now Jesus begins His public ministry and **Matthew quotes the Old Testament prophet Isaiah**. What does this quote **tell us about Jesus and His ministry** (15-16)?
- What is **Jesus' message**, and what does it **mean** (17)?

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

<sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

- Jesus calls **Simon Peter & Andrew** as His first disciples. **What command & promise** does He make to them (19)? What does this **mean**? How did **they respond** (20)? How did **James & John respond to a similar call** (22)? Read [Matthew 13:47-50](#) for more insight into the meaning of Jesus' command & promise.
- **Where were you when Jesus called you?**

Matthew 4:23-25

Jesus' Fame Spreads

<sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

- What kind of things did Jesus do in **His early ministry** in Galilee (23-24)? **Why** were these things **attractive to "great crowds"** (25)?
- What is **one thing** you personally find **compelling about Jesus** these days?

Matthew 5:1-2

Jesus Prepares to Preach the Beatitudes

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- Who are **"the crowds"** (1)?
- These two verses tell us important details about Jesus. What exactly does **Jesus "see"** when He looks at these crowds (1)? Read [Matthew 9:36](#) and [Matthew 23:37](#) for more insight.
- Why is it significant that **Jesus "went up on the mountain"** (1)? Read [Exodus 19:20](#) for more insight.
- Why is it significant that **Jesus "sat down"** to teach (2)? Read [Psalm 110:1](#) for more insight.
- **Pray together** in light of this week's passage. Ask the Lord for grace for our church to hear and receive the promises of God in His Word.

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