

Study Skills Review

We are not seeking to increase our knowledge for the sake of knowing more "about" God. We are striving to become more like Jesus. Often we have a lot of knowledge, but it must root itself into our hearts in order to really transform us.

Consider the skills we have introduced throughout the semester; Which have been most helpful? Are there any skills or methods you use not represented?

Practice these skills on Matthew 22 for tonight's discussion:

Observations

Make 5-7 observations from Matt 22

Marking the Text

Circle the people listed
Underline Jesus' responses

Cross-References

Read this account in another Gospel
Find 3-5 cross-references

Context

Read Matthew 22:15-46 for context

Curiosity

List as many questions as you can from the passage:

Interpretation

What is the main point of these verses?

Application

How does this apply to your life?

MATTHEW 22:34-40

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Discussion Questions:

What does 2 Corinthians 5 have to say about our life in Christ?

Look up 3-5 additional verses about our identity in Christ:

What good news do we see in these verses?

For further reflection:

Why do these passages matter to you?

How might God be prompting you to respond to these truths?

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.