### **READ: Matthew 1-3**

- As you read, use a pen or pencil to circle every time Matthew quotes an OT passage.
- Write down some of your observations below.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1. According to v.21 what is the meaning of Jesus' name?
- 2. What Old Testament references can you find in the first three chapters? (Can you list their references?)
- 3. What does Matthew 3:7-10 teach us about repentance? How do we know what true repentance looks like?
- 4. **1 Takeaway:** Based on the reading, what is something you can thank/praise God for, OR what is one of His attributes you can choose to remember today?
- 5. Spend a few minutes **praying** about the things you've read and reflected on.

### **READ: Matthew 4-6**

- As you read, use a pen or pencil to underline every time Jesus says, "But I say to you..."
- Write down some of your observations below.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1. What does Jesus use to respond to Satan in Matthew 4:4, 4:7, and 4:10?
- 2. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What point is Jesus trying to make? What does this have to do with your life?
- 3. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What things do you treasure the most? What should you treasure?
- 4. **1 Takeaway:** What is one thing from the reading today that you can begin applying to your life?
- 5. Spend a few minutes **praying** about the things you've read and reflected on.

### **READ: Matthew 7-9**

- As you read, use a pen or pencil to underline how different people respond to Jesus.
- Write down some of your observations below.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1. Read Matthew 7:13-14. Why is the gate that leads to destruction "wide" and "easy"? Why is the gate that leads to life "hard" and "narrow"?
- 2. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Why does Jesus say to these people, "I never knew you; depart from me"?
- 3. Read Matthew 9:36-38. How should we be challenged by these verses? What does Jesus desire us to do?
- 4. Spend a few minutes **praying** about the things you've read and reflected on.

### **READ: Matthew 10-12**

- As you read, use a pen or pencil to circle every time you see the word "disciple"
- Write down some of your observations below.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1. What kind of things did Jesus tell his disciples to expect when they were sent out? (Mat 10:5-25)
- 2. Read Matthew 10:39. What do you think Jesus means when he says, "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"?
- 3. Read Matthew 11:25-30. What things are comforting about Jesus' words in this passage?
- 4. Spend a few minutes **praying** about the things you've read and reflected on.

### **READ: Matthew 13-15**

- As you read, use a pen or pencil to draw a box around the word "parable" each time it is used.
- Write down some of your observations below.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1. Read Matthew 13:10-17. For what purpose does Jesus speak in parables?
- 2. What does Matthew 15:10-20 teach us about where sin originates? How does this help us as we think about our own lives?
- 3. **1 Takeaway:** What is one thing from the reading today that you can begin applying to your life?
- 4. Spend a few minutes **praying** about the things you've read and reflected on.

### **READ: Matthew 16-18**

- As you read, use a pen or pencil to underline each time Jesus talks about his *death*.
- Write down some of your observations below.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1. What is Peter's confession in Matthew 16:16? Is that your confession?
- 2. What lesson do you think Jesus was trying to teach the disciples in Matthew 18:1-4?
- 3. Read Matthew 18:21-35. Why is it so important to Jesus that we forgive one another?
- 4. Spend a few minutes **praying** about the things you've read and reflected on.

## **READ: Matthew 19-21**

- As you read, use a pen or pencil to underline every time Jesus asks a question.
- Write down some of your observations below.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1. Read Matthew 19:4-6. What does Jesus affirm about marriage, gender, creation, and divorce?
- 2. Read Matthew 19:16-22. What was the main problem for the rich young ruler?
- 3. **1 Takeaway:** What is one thing from the reading today that you can begin applying to your life?
- 4. Spend a few minutes **praying** about the things you've read and reflected on.