

OPPOSITION TO THE KING

SERIES READING PLAN

NAME: _____

Thanks for joining us for this study! We hope this will be a useful tool for you as we review the passages we are studying at Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church.

Each week, we will **reflect** on the previous message, **review** the text from that message, **memorize** a part of that passage, **observe** the context of the previous and upcoming passages, **prepare** for the next message, and intentionally spend time with God as we **pray**.

Feel free to jump in any week during the series. You could also rearrange the days of the week any way you'd like. The point is to dig deeper into what we are studying on Sunday mornings.

As you work through this booklet, we pray this gives you an opportunity to better **Worship God** and push you to better **Serve Others**.

**Follow the daily guides on the next page
to assist in your study.**

SUNDAY: WORSHIP

We will start each week with a song from our Sunday morning service. Listen to or read the lyrics from the song, pick a line or lyric that stands out, and write out why that lyric is significant. Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

MONDAY: REFLECTION

To start the week, read the passage from this past Sunday and then use the reflection questions on the MGBC Discipleship website. Use at least 2 or 3 of these questions in your personal devotional time and make it a point to ask others in our church family what they are learning through this series.

TUESDAY: REVIEW

**R.E.A.P. Study Method Adapted from David Platt's
"Secret Church: The Cross and Everyday Life"**

READ a passage of Scripture.

EXAMINE the passage for greater understanding.

- What is happening in this passage?
- What words, phrases, or ideas seem particularly important?
- What is God doing in this passage?
- What does this text teach me about Jesus or the Gospel?

APPLY the passage to your life.

- What new truths do I need to embrace?
- What sin(s) do I need to repent of and/or avoid?
- What command(s) do I need to obey? (How should I change my attitudes and habits?)
- What principle(s) need to affect the way I think, speak, and/or act?
- How will I implement changes in all areas of my life based on these principles?
- By the power of God's Spirit, what can I do TODAY to apply God's Word to my life?

PRAY about what you've read. Ask God to change your heart, mind, attitudes, actions, and relationships that might not be in accordance with His Word. Pray that He would show you how to share with others what you've learned.

WEDNESDAY: MEMORIZATION

Adapted from John Piper's "How Do You Memorize Scripture?"

1. Read the verse 10 times.
2. Close your eyes or shut your Bible and say it 10 times. Peak at the text if you need to but repeat until you can recite it on your own.
3. Write the passage down and keep it in your pocket for the day. Pull it out and read it throughout the day.

Go to the MGBC Discipleship website to read the full article from John Piper.

THURSDAY: OBSERVATION

Read the passages from last Sunday and this upcoming Sunday and then write down your observations. Observations could include...

- What is happening in this passage?
 - What have I heard others say about this passage? (family, life group, etc.)
 - What words, phrases, or ideas seem particularly important?
 - What does this text teach me about Jesus or the Gospel?
 - What connections do I see between both passages?
 - SPECIFICALLY, how does this fit into the larger story so far?
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FRIDAY: PREPARATION

Read the passage for the upcoming message and then write down your thoughts as to how this might apply to your life. Keep these thoughts in mind coming into this weekend's message.

- What principle(s) need to affect the way I think, speak, and/or act?
How will I implement changes in all areas of my life based on these principles?
 - By the power of God's Spirit, what can I do TODAY to apply God's Word to my life?
 - Have I shared the truth I learned this week with anyone? If not, who could I share this truth with today?
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SATURDAY: PRAYER

Spend time with God over the weekend. Follow the A.C.T.S. Prayer Guide provided. See the back of this booklet for prayer suggestions.

WEEK OF JUNE 9TH



Sunday: Listen to one of the songs from our Sunday set list - Which lyrics stand out? Why?

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

Monday: Reflect on **Matthew 11:1-19**



Use this week's "Sermon Reflection Questions" on the website or scan the QR code.

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that God would use this passage in your life this week and that you would have opportunities to share with others.

Tuesday: Review **Matthew 11:1-19**

Use the "Review Guide" at the front of this booklet.

EXAMINE:

APPLY:

PRAY: See the prayer guide at the front of this booklet.

Wednesday: Memorize **Matthew 11:4-5**

Use the "Memorization Guide" at the front of this booklet.

WRITE IT:

PRAY: Pray that God would help you store up His Word in your heart.

Thursday: Observe the context by reading **Matthew 11:1-30**

Use the "Observation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

OBSERVATIONS:

PRAY: Pray that God would reveal new connections in this passage.

Friday: Prepare for this Sunday by reading **Matthew 11:20-30**

Use the "Preparation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

PREPARATION:

PRAY: Pray that God would use the message this Sunday to grow our understanding of who He is and how we should live in light of His Word.

Saturday: Spend time with God in prayer this weekend. Follow the A.C.T.S. guide and write out your prayers.

ADORATION: Pick an attribute (or several) of God and give Him praise. Consider picking an attribute you noticed in this week's readings.

CONFESSION: Honestly deal with sin in your life. Ask God to search your heart.

THANKFULNESS: Verbalize what you're grateful for in your life and in the world around you.

SUPPLICATION: Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

WEEK OF JUNE 16TH



Sunday: Listen to one of the songs from our Sunday set list - Which lyrics stand out? Why?

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

Monday: Reflect on **Matthew 11:20-30**
Use this week's "Sermon Reflection Questions" on the website or scan the QR code.



REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that God would use this passage in your life this week and that you would have opportunities to share with others.

Tuesday: Review **Matthew 11:20-30**

Use the "Review Guide" at the front of this booklet.

EXAMINE:

APPLY:

PRAY: See the prayer guide at the front of this booklet.

Wednesday: Memorize **Matthew 11:28-30**

Use the "Memorization Guide" at the front of this booklet.

WRITE IT:

PRAY: Pray that God would help you store up His Word in your heart.

Thursday: Observe the context by reading **Matthew 11:20-30 and Matthew 12:1-21**

Use the "Observation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

OBSERVATIONS:

PRAY: Pray that God would reveal new connections in this passage.

Friday: Prepare for this Sunday by reading **Matthew 12:1-21**

Use the "Preparation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

PREPARATION:

PRAY: Pray that God would use the message this Sunday to grow our understanding of who He is and how we should live in light of His Word.

Saturday: Spend time with God in prayer this weekend. Follow the A.C.T.S. guide and write out your prayers.

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SUPPLICATION: Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

WEEK OF JUNE 23RD



Sunday: Listen to one of the songs from our Sunday set list - Which lyrics stand out? Why?

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

Monday: Reflect on **Matthew 12:1-21**



Use this week's "Sermon Reflection Questions" on the website or scan the QR code.

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that God would use this passage in your life this week and that you would have opportunities to share with others.

Tuesday: Review **Matthew 12:1-21**

Use the "Review Guide" at the front of this booklet.

EXAMINE:

APPLY:

PRAY: See the prayer guide at the front of this booklet.

Wednesday: Memorize **Matthew 12:8**

Use the "Memorization Guide" at the front of this booklet.

WRITE IT:

PRAY: Pray that God would help you store up His Word in your heart.

Thursday: Observe the context by reading **Matthew 12:1-50**

Use the "Observation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

OBSERVATIONS:

PRAY: Pray that God would reveal new connections in this passage.

Friday: Prepare for this Sunday by reading **Matthew 12:22-50**

Use the "Preparation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

PREPARATION:

PRAY: Pray that God would use the message this Sunday to grow our understanding of who He is and how we should live in light of His Word.

Saturday: Spend time with God in prayer this weekend. Follow the A.C.T.S. guide and write out your prayers.

ADORATION: Pick an attribute (or several) of God and give Him praise. Consider picking an attribute you noticed in this week's readings.

CONFESSION: Honestly deal with sin in your life. Ask God to search your heart.

THANKFULNESS: Verbalize what you're grateful for in your life and in the world around you.

SUPPLICATION: Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

WEEK OF JUNE 30TH



Sunday: Listen to one of the songs from our Sunday set list - Which lyrics stand out? Why?

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

Monday: Reflect on **Matthew 12:22-50**
Use this week's "Sermon Reflection Questions" on the website or scan the QR code.



REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that God would use this passage in your life this week and that you would have opportunities to share with others.

Tuesday: Review **Matthew 12:22-50**

Use the "Review Guide" at the front of this booklet.

EXAMINE:

APPLY:

PRAY: See the prayer guide at the front of this booklet.

Wednesday: Memorize **Matthew 12:36-37**

Use the "Memorization Guide" at the front of this booklet.

WRITE IT:

PRAY: Pray that God would help you store up His Word in your heart.

Saturday: Spend time with God in prayer this weekend. Follow the A.C.T.S. guide and write out your prayers.

ADORATION: Pick an attribute (or several) of God and give Him praise. Consider picking an attribute you noticed in this week's readings.

CONFESSION: Honestly deal with sin in your life. Ask God to search your heart.

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SUPPLICATION: Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

WEEK OF JULY 7TH



Sunday: Listen to one of the songs from our Sunday set list - Which lyrics stand out? Why?

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

Monday: Reflect on **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**
Use this week's "Sermon Reflection Questions" on the website or scan the QR code.



REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that God would use this passage in your life this week and that you would have opportunities to share with others.

Tuesday: Review **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Use the "Review Guide" at the front of this booklet.

EXAMINE:

APPLY:

PRAY: See the prayer guide at the front of this booklet.

Wednesday: Memorize **Matthew 13:23**

Use the "Memorization Guide" at the front of this booklet.

WRITE IT:

PRAY: Pray that God would help you store up His Word in your heart.

Thursday: Observe the context by reading **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-30, and 36-43**

Use the "Observation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

OBSERVATIONS:

PRAY: Pray that God would reveal new connections in this passage.

Friday: Prepare for this Sunday by reading **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Use the "Preparation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

PREPARATION:

PRAY: Pray that God would use the message this Sunday to grow our understanding of who He is and how we should live in light of His Word.

Saturday: Spend time with God in prayer this weekend. Follow the A.C.T.S. guide and write out your prayers.

ADORATION: Pick an attribute (or several) of God and give Him praise. Consider picking an attribute you noticed in this week's readings.

CONFESSION: Honestly deal with sin in your life. Ask God to search your heart.

THANKFULNESS: Verbalize what you're grateful for in your life and in the world around you.

SUPPLICATION: Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

WEEK OF JULY 14TH



Sunday: Listen to one of the songs from our Sunday set list - Which lyrics stand out? Why?

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

Monday: Reflect on **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**



Use this week's "Sermon Reflection Questions" on the website or scan the QR code.

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that God would use this passage in your life this week and that you would have opportunities to share with others.

Tuesday: Review **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Use the "Review Guide" at the front of this booklet.

EXAMINE:

APPLY:

PRAY: See the prayer guide at the front of this booklet.

Wednesday: Memorize **Matthew 13:43**

Use the "Memorization Guide" at the front of this booklet.

WRITE IT:

PRAY: Pray that God would help you store up His Word in your heart.

Thursday: Observe the context by reading **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 and 31-35**

Use the "Observation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

OBSERVATIONS:

PRAY: Pray that God would reveal new connections in this passage.

Friday: Prepare for this Sunday by reading **Matthew 13:31-35**

Use the "Preparation Guide" at the front of this booklet.

PREPARATION:

PRAY: Pray that God would use the message this Sunday to grow our understanding of who He is and how we should live in light of His Word.

Saturday: Spend time with God in prayer this weekend. Follow the A.C.T.S. guide and write out your prayers.

ADORATION: Pick an attribute (or several) of God and give Him praise. Consider picking an attribute you noticed in this week's readings.

CONFESSION: Honestly deal with sin in your life. Ask God to search your heart.

THANKFULNESS: Verbalize what you're grateful for in your life and in the world around you.

SUPPLICATION: Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

WEEK OF JULY 21ST



Sunday: Listen to one of the songs from our Sunday set list - Which lyrics stand out? Why?

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that this song will connect with your heart in a new way as you hear it and sing it.

Monday: Reflect on **Matthew 13:31-35**



Use this week's "Sermon Reflection Questions" on the website or scan the QR code.

REFLECT:

PRAY: Pray that God would use this passage in your life this week and that you would have opportunities to share with others.

Tuesday: Review **Matthew 13:31-35**

Use the "Review Guide" at the front of this booklet.

EXAMINE:

APPLY:

PRAY: See the prayer guide at the front of this booklet.

Wednesday: Memorize **Matthew 13:34-35**

Use the "Memorization Guide" at the front of this booklet.

WRITE IT:

PRAY: Pray that God would help you store up His Word in your heart.

THANKFULNESS: Verbalize what you're grateful for in your life and in the world around you.

SUPPLICATION: Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

Prayer Suggestions (A.C.T.S. model)

ADORATION:

Pick an attribute (or several) of God and give Him praise.

- Omniscience (all-knowing)
- Omnipresence (all-present)
- Omnipotence (all-powerful)
- Eternality
- Immortality
- Immutability (never-changing)
- Love
- Goodness (grace & mercy)
- Righteousness
- Holiness
- Truthfulness
- Faithfulness

THANKFULNESS:

Verbalize what you're grateful for in your life and in the world around you.

- The ability to see, hear, feel
- A family member who loves me
- A friend who cares
- A church leader
- An opportunity
- A hobby or activity I enjoy
- A bed to sleep in at night
- The ability to be forgiven
- A favorite song

CONFESSION:

Honestly deal with sin in your life. Ask God to search your heart.

- Bitterness
- Cheating
- Complacency
- Complaining
- Ignoring opportunities
- Jealousy
- Lack of thankfulness
- Laziness
- Lust/Impure thoughts
- Lying/Stretching the truth
- Pride

SUPPLICATION:

Finally, pray for the needs of others and yourself.

- Something that is causing concern or something I can't get out of my mind
- Health of a loved one
- Salvation of a loved one
- A personal struggle
- A family member who is struggling (physically, emotionally, spiritually)
- A friend who is struggling (physically, emotionally, spiritually)
- A prayer request from somebody else

