



Matthew

Lesson 11

Jesus has spent many months teaching His disciples what it means to fully follow Him. Now it was their time to go out and take a trial run at the responsibilities and privileges He has given them as His harvest workers. Jesus sends them out with full authority to do what He has modeled for them. In this way they will be declaring not only their commitment and faith in Jesus, but their full belief that His kingdom has come, and they are participating in it. Jesus had a very serious discussion with them on what that commitment would cost

them and anyone else who chooses the kingdom of heaven over the kingdom of this world. Much sacrifice must be made in the physical life to claim all the unimaginable blessings of the spiritual life. As He said, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for my sake shall find it.”

Read Chapter 11

1. *What are some possible reasons why John the Baptist would question Jesus about being the Messiah?*

2. *What prophecy did Jesus use to assure John that He was the one? How was that identification different than many others expected?*

3. *In lesson 3 question 2, you described John the Baptist and the purpose of his ministry. What do you think Jesus meant when He stated in 11:11 that “yet he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he”?*

4. *In your own words, what is Jesus telling these people about themselves through His comparison in vs. 16-19?*

5. *Find Chorazin, Bethsaida, Tyre, Sidon, and Capernaum on the map. What accusation did Jesus make against some of them? What is particularly surprising about His rebuke of Capernaum? See Matthew 4:13. How does Jesus explain this? Matthew 13:13:57-58*

6. *Read Luke 10:1-24. What events or details does Luke add in this chain of events that Matthew leaves out?*

7. *According to Luke 10: 21-22, what is Jesus' statement in Matthew 11:25-27 a response to? What is He praising the Father for?*

8. *What do Matthew 11:1 and Luke 10:1 infer that Jesus was going to do after the disciples went out to preach?*



The word “yoke” in Matt. 11:29-30 is the Greek word “zugos.” It is defined as “the means of coupling two things together; a beam of balance which unites two scales.” (Zodhiates)

9. *Why does Jesus encourage others to take His yoke? Matthew 11:29 With the above definition in mind, explain what these verses mean to you. See also Jeremiah 6:16 and Hosea 11:1-4.*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
