



Welcome to the Advent Bible Challenge - The Gospel of Matthew

November 27 through December 24

The Advent Bible Challenge will start on Sunday, November 27. The challenge should take 28 days to finish if you read a chapter a day. Supplies needed for this challenge: a journal.

Day 1

Read Matthew Chapter 1 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. In this genealogy, whose names do you recognize? What do you know about the person?
2. If your family genealogy, who is the most important person and why?
3. If any of the names is missing, the genealogy is disconnected. In this sense everybody is important and has value. In what sense, do you see the importance and value of your life?

Day 2

Read Matthew Chapter 2 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Who did report the birth of Jesus to the king Herod?
2. Who was the king Herod and why did he want to kill the baby Jesus?
3. When did I have temptations to use violence to get rid of threats to my well-being or status?

Day 3

Read Matthew Chapter 3 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What did John demand?
2. What is the meaning of the Kingdom of God?
3. How would you realize the Kingdom of God at home, at work, and in your community?

Day 4

Read Matthew Chapter 4 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What were the three tests/temptations that Jesus had?
2. What would be the most challenging test/temptation for you in your life if you had three?
3. When did you hear, "Follow Me!" command from Jesus?

Day 5

Read Matthew Chapter 5 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What is the blessing among those eight blessings that you are seeking for?
2. How would you be the salt and light for the world?
3. Who is your enemy and how would you love the enemy?

Day 6

Read Matthew Chapter 6 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. When do you pray and where?
2. How would you store up treasure in heaven?
3. Which part of the Lord's Prayer is the most challenging to you?

Day 7

Read Matthew Chapter 7 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What has been a narrow way to you in your life?
2. What have you been seeking, finding, and knocking in your faith journey?
3. What is the will of God in heaven now for our church, or your home or your work or community?

Day 8

Read Matthew Chapter 8 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did Jesus praise the centurion?
2. What are you afraid of now in your life?
3. Two men were freed from demons, but many pigs were dead. What is the price for you to pay to free some people in your community from the demons?

Day 9

Read Matthew Chapter 9 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What crazy things would you do to heal your friends in need?
2. Who are the sinners that you want to try to have meals with?
3. Where do you see the situation, “abundant harvest and few laborers”?

Day 10

Read Matthew Chapter 10 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Where do you try to spread the Good News of Jesus?
2. Who is your buddy in spreading the Good News of Jesus?
3. What is your cross that you have to bear in your efforts to spread the Good News?

Day 11

Read Matthew Chapter 11 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What did John want to know about Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say about John?
3. What would Jesus say about you?

Day 12

Read Matthew Chapter 12 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What is more important than sacrifice/worship service?
2. What does it mean that Son of Man is the Lord of Sabbath?
3. When do you feel that you are a family member of God’s Kingdom?

Day 13

Read Matthew Chapter 13 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What kind of seeds do you sow in your life?
2. Where does it land?
3. What are the weeds in your field? What do you want to do with them?

Day 14

Read Matthew Chapter 14 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did the king Herod think that Jesus was the John the Baptist who came back to life?

2. What does it mean to you that Jesus fed five thousand with two fishes and five loaves of bread?
3. When did you want to something so desperately to touch the cloth of Jesus?

Day 15

Read Matthew Chapter 15 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What does defile a person?
2. What is one tradition in the Bible that you do not keep now? Why?
3. Why did Jesus praise the faith of the Canaanite woman?

Day 16

Read Matthew Chapter 16 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What are the signs of our times that you see?
2. Why did Jesus call Peter Satan? If Jesus called you Satan how would you respond?
3. Who is Jesus for you?

Day 17

Read Matthew Chapter 17 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What happened on the mountain?
2. When did you have religious experience like this one? How was it?
3. Why do we Christians need to pay tax?

Day 18

Read Matthew Chapter 18 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What does it mean to become like children?
2. Who is a lost sheep that you want to save today around you?
3. Who do you need to forgive today?

Day 19

Read Matthew Chapter 19 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. When did your spouse/partner forgive you? What did you do?
2. Why did the rich young man turn around and went away?
3. How can a rich person go to heaven?

Day 20

Read Matthew Chapter 20 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did the landowner give the same wage to a worker who worked only an hour?
2. When did you experience God's grace in your life?
3. When did you experience that the last became the first and the first became the last?

Day 21

Read Matthew Chapter 21 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did Jesus ride a donkey, not a horse?
2. How do you feel when Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple? Why?
3. In your faith journey, when did you feel that you have no fruits?

Day 22

Read Matthew Chapter 22 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What does the wedding banquet symbolize for you?
2. Whom do you want to invite to the wedding banquet?
3. How would you explain the resurrection of the dead to non-believers?

Day 23

Read Matthew Chapter 23 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did Jesus denounce scribes and Pharisees?
2. Where do you see scribes and Pharisees in our times?
3. Jesus lamented over Jerusalem. What would you say about Stockton?

Day 24

Read Matthew Chapter 24 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What are the signs of the end times?
2. Where do you see those signs?
3. What would you do as a faithful servant in the end times?

Day 25

Read Matthew Chapter 25 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. What did the bride maids prepare?
2. In your faith journey what do you need to prepare for the coming of the Lord?
3. How many talents do you have and how do you use them?

Day 26

Read Matthew Chapter 26 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did Judah sell Jesus?
2. Why did Peter betray Jesus?
3. When did you have temptation to sell or betray Jesus?

Day 27

Read Matthew Chapter 27 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did Pilate call Jesus the King of the Jews?
2. Why did the Centurion say that “truly this is the son of God”?
3. What makes you to confess that Jesus is the Son of God?

Day 28

Read Matthew Chapter 28 and answer these questions. Write your answers in your journal. If you would like to share your answers, send them to pastor Lee. slee@cumcstockton.org

1. Why did some women go to the tomb?
2. Why did Jesus go to Galilee?
3. Where do meet Jesus now?