

How do you think God views our country's evil bent, especially in light of all the ways He has blessed us?

What would Jesus say if He came and preached in our city today?

What did Jesus thank His Father for, and how does that relate to what he said concerning the cities in verses 21-24

Linking verse 27 with John 14:6-7, how do people know the Father?

Compare and contrast the yoke that Jesus offers with the yoke the religious leaders offered.

### **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

Jesus came to preach the kingdom of heaven, give His life as the sacrifice for sin and in so doing offer us eternal life. This comes from a change in our thinking, understanding and behaviors. When we believe in Jesus as Savior, we are also turning away from the sin in our life (its penalty and power) and turning to His forgiveness for our sin and acceptance in the family of God.

### **APPLICATION**

What are three things you could do this week to be a brighter light (Matthew 5:14) for Christ in your city or neighborhood?

### **PRAYER**

God, strengthen me to apply Your truth to my life and not live passively in regard to the teachings of Jesus.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

"But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. <sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!" Psalm 81:11-13 (ESV)

## **Sermon-Based Study Guide**

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Sermon Series:  
King Jesus

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### ***Bad News, Good News***

*Matthew 11:20-30*

1. Our Responsibility
2. Our Reward
3. Our Rest

Sermon available at [centurybaptist.org/watch/](https://centurybaptist.org/watch/)

# Sermon-Based Community Life Group Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a community life group, Bible study, or missional community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction.

The purpose of this guide is for all groups, studies, and communities to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth and how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, missional communities, and leading or hosting a group.

## OPENING UP

What city would you most like to visit? Why?

## Intro to Matthew

Matthew, someone has said, followed Jesus—and took his pen with him. As a tax collector, he was used to writing and to gathering information together in a clear and ordered way. When Jesus called him to live the life of a disciple, Matthew (called Levi in other places) was destined to use his gifts to give us an ordered and carefully written account of who Jesus was and what he came to do. As a disciple himself, Matthew focuses on three things: the King whom disciples follow, the lifestyle his disciples follow, and the way in which people become disciples. The identification of Jesus as a king draws us back into the Old Testament, to themes and predictions which find their fulfillment in his life and work.

(Campbell, I. D. (2008). Opening up Matthew (p. 14). Leominster: Day One Publications.)

## Read Matthew 11:20-30

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

After His praise of John, what did Jesus begin to do?

Who was Jesus condemning?

Why was Jesus denouncing the cities in which He performed most of His miracles?

What two cities did Jesus condemn first? Why?

How did Jesus say Chorazin and Bethsaida were different from Tyre and Sidon?

What did Jesus say would happen on the day of judgment?

What city did Jesus single out for comparison with Sodom?

What did Jesus predict for Capernaum?

Why did Capernaum have a bleak future?

To what ancient, evil city did Jesus compare Capernaum? Why?

What city did Jesus say would face the sterner judgment than Sodom? Why?