



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 12:22-37” on November 1st

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 12:15-21 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 12:22-37

What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?

Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

Matthew 12:25, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.”²⁶ If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?²⁷ And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges.²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.²⁹ “Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.”

- How do you recognize division in your “household”?
- We are all unified by the blood of Jesus on the Cross. How does this change the way you view division with people?
- Jesus is declaring the presence of the Kingdom of God. Why is that such a big deal?

One of the roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to convict us of sin, which leads to repentance and forgiveness.

- How has the Holy Spirit convicted you in your life?
- How do you recognize and respond to the holy spirit if our lives?

Matthew 12:33-36 – Jesus talks about the fruit of our lives (“hedge apples or honey crisp”) and about our heart. The words we speak are a reflection of what is in our heart.

- What do you think the people in your life would say about your “fruit”?
- Why do you think Jesus speaks so strongly about our words?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, “careless words or idle word”?
- How can you attach yourself to the “tree”, Jesus, this week?

RESPOND

What is one thing you learned about yourself from God’s Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

John 15:1-17 Where Jesus talks about being the vine and we are the branches. Pay attention to how many times Jesus uses the word remain or abide; John 17 where Jesus prays for unity.