

THE BURN — SESSION 7 READING PLAN

Matthew 4:12–25

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand”

WEEK FOCUS

This week we step into the moment where Jesus begins His public ministry and announces:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” — Matthew 4:17

This is not just a message of encouragement.

It is:

- A prophetic declaration
- A call to repentance
- A warning and invitation
- The launch of the Kingdom story

Through the Emmaus lens, we are seeing how:

- The prophets spoke of this moment
- The covenants pointed to this King
- The Kingdom is near—but not yet fully here

DAILY READING PLAN

MONDAY — LIGHT BREAKS INTO DARKNESS

Read

Matthew 4:12–16

Isaiah 9:1–7

Jesus begins in Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy.

The light shines first in a place of darkness.

This is not random—it is God’s plan unfolding.

Reflection Questions

1. What kind of darkness is described in Isaiah's original context?
2. Where do you see Jesus bringing light into broken or overlooked areas today?

TUESDAY — THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

Read

Matthew 4:17

Romans 13:11–12

1 Peter 4:7

James 5:8

Jesus declares the Kingdom is “at hand.”

The apostles use the same language—not to say it has fully come, but to call us to urgency.

Reflection Questions

1. What does “at hand” teach us about how we should live right now?
2. How does urgency shape your daily walk with God?

WEDNESDAY — THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR

Read

Joel 2:1–13

Zephaniah 1:14–18

Ezekiel 30:1–3

The prophets used the same language:

“The day is near.”

This was a call to repentance and readiness.

Jesus is stepping directly into that same prophetic tradition.

Reflection Questions

1. What themes do you notice in the prophets when they say “the day is near”?
2. How does this deepen your understanding of Jesus' message in Matthew 4:17?

THURSDAY — CALLED TO FOLLOW

Read

Matthew 4:18–22

Jeremiah 16:16

Jesus calls His first disciples—and they respond immediately.

No hesitation.

No delay.

Reflection Questions

1. What did the disciples leave behind to follow Jesus?
2. Is there anything in your life delaying full obedience to Him?

FRIDAY — THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

Read

Matthew 4:23–25

Isaiah 35:5–6

Jesus proclaims the gospel of the Kingdom and demonstrates it through healing.

These miracles are signs—previews of full restoration.

Reflection Questions

1. What do Jesus' miracles reveal about the future Kingdom?
2. How do these “previews” strengthen your hope in what is coming?

SATURDAY — THE KINGDOM TO COME

Read

Daniel 7:13–14

Zechariah 14:9

Revelation 11:15

These passages point to the full, future reign of Jesus.

The Kingdom announced in Matthew 4 will one day be fully established.

Reflection Questions

1. What do these passages teach about the future reign of Jesus?
2. How should this future reality shape your present priorities?