

Study Guide on Matthew 23:2-12 & Mark 12:38-44

English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Matthew 23:2-12 & Mark 12:38-44

(Matthew 23:2) “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat,

(Matthew 23:3) so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.

(Matthew 23:4) They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.

(Matthew 23:5) They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,

(Matthew 23:6) and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues

(Matthew 23:7) and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

(Matthew 23:8) But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

(Matthew 23:9) And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

(Matthew 23:10) Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

(Matthew 23:11) The greatest among you shall be your servant.

(Matthew 23:12) Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

(Mark 12:38) And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces

(Mark 12:39) and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,

(Mark 12:40) who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

(Mark 12:41) And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.

(Mark 12:42) And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.

(Mark 12:43) And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.

(Mark 12:44) For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?