

Study Guide on Matthew 12:1-14

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 12:1) At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

(Matthew 12:2) But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”

(Matthew 12:3) He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him:

(Matthew 12:4) how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

(Matthew 12:5) Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless?

(Matthew 12:6) I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.

(Matthew 12:7) And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.

(Matthew 12:8) For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

(Matthew 12:9) He went on from there and entered their synagogue.

(Matthew 12:10) And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him.

(Matthew 12:11) He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out?

(Matthew 12:12) Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

(Matthew 12:13) Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other.

(Matthew 12:14) But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

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?