

Study Guide on Matthew 12:1-14

New American Standard Bible

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, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat.

(Matthew 12:2) But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.”

(Matthew 12:3) But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions,

(Matthew 12:4) how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?

(Matthew 12:5) “Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?”

(Matthew 12:6) “But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.

(Matthew 12:7) “But if you had known what this means, ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

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

(Matthew 12:9) Departing from there, He went into their synagogue.

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

(Matthew 12:11) And He said to them, “What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out?”

(Matthew 12:12) “How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

(Matthew 12:13) Then He *said to the man, “Stretch out your hand!” He stretched it out, and it was restored to normal, like the other.

(Matthew 12:14) But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might 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?