






## DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our May 2021 reading plan! We will be focusing primarily on Matthew 9 in our sermon series and our readings will reflect the themes we find in those passages. Before your reading each day, meditate on Matthew 9:13 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

### Memorization & Meditation:

*“Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’  
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” – Matthew 9:13*

[May 1] Spend time praying and asking the Lord to increase your faith and trust in Him.

## WEEK 1

### Sunday, May 2nd

- [3] Matthew 9:14-17 | Read Hosea 2:19-20. The Jews listening to Jesus would have known this Hosea text. What is Jesus telling them about himself?
- [4] Matthew 9:18-22 | Jesus stops what he is doing to show compassion and heal the woman in the crowd. What can we learn from His example in this text? How could you practically apply this lesson in your life?
- [5] Psalm 143:7-9 | How does this text reflect the heart attitude of the woman in Matthew 9:20-22? How does this text challenge or affirm you in your attitude towards Jesus?
- [6] Matthew 9:23-26 | What does this passage tell us about Jesus’ authority on Earth? Spend some time praising Him for this authority!
- [7] Mark 5:21-43 | How does this account differ from Matthew 9:18-26?
- [8] Isaiah 66:13 | What comfort have you received from your mother or from others who have served as mother figures in your life? Why would God use this type of comfort as an analogy here?

## WEEK 2

### Sunday, May 9th - Mother’s Day

- [10] Matthew 9:9-13 | Why is it significant that Matthew was a tax collector and Jesus invited him to be a disciple?
- [11] Luke 5:27-32 | How does this account differ from the Matthew text?
- [12] Matthew 9:9-13 | What is your attitude toward those who are far from God? Are you someone they would be drawn to?
- [13] 2 Corinthians 5:17 | How have you been made into a new creation since you decided to follow Jesus?
- [14] Galatians 4:4-7 | What does it look like to live as a son or daughter of Christ instead of as a slave?
- [15] 1 John 1:9 | Spend some time today praising God for the transformation and new life he has given us through Christ Jesus’s life, death and resurrection.

## WEEK 3

### Sunday, May 16th

- [17] Isaiah 35:4-6 | How does this passage point to Jesus?
- [18] Matthew 9:27-31 | The men believed Jesus was the Messiah spoken of in Isaiah. Those verses gave them hope for healing and the courage to ask for it. What Bible verses give you hope and strength? Write one of them down here.
- [19] Matthew 9:32-34 | What do you think it would have been like to be in the crowd and witness this healing?
- [20] Matthew 9:32-34 | Why do you think the Pharisees were so opposed to the ministry of Jesus?
- [21] Matthew 12:22-30 | How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees implying that his authority over the demons comes from Satan?
- [22] How has Jesus brought freedom and healing in your life? Spend some time thanking Him today.

## WEEK 4

### Sunday, May 23rd

- [24] Matthew 9:35-38 | What can we learn from Jesus’ example in ministry?
- [25] Matthew 9:35-38 | What do you think it means to be a laborer in the harvest?
- [26] Luke 10:1-12 | How does this account differ from the one in Matthew?
- [27] Matthew 28:18-20 | How does this verse connect to what Jesus is talking about in Matt. 9:37-38?
- [28] Isaiah 6:8-9 | What is your attitude toward sharing the Gospel? Are you willing to go when the Lord calls?
- [29] Spend some time in prayer today asking the Lord to reveal anything in your heart that would prevent you from hearing and obeying Jesus’s call to go out into the harvest. Ask him to give you a heart that is willing to say yes!

## WEEK 5

### Sunday, May 30th

- [31] Matthew 5 - 7 (All) | This is Jesus’ famous “Sermon on the Mount.” What stands out most to you as you read through it today?



**Pray for one person to grow in Christ this week.**



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Got a question? We’d love to be a resource! Email us at [info@antiochcountryside.com](mailto:info@antiochcountryside.com)