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POWER CHALLENGED
MATTHEW 11:1-12:45

Introduction

1. Opposition and challenges will come

2. Empowered to Engage

3. Keep Your Eyes on the Mission

Conclusion

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *First, go back and read through the entirety of Matthew 11-12.*
2. *Have you ever shared Jesus with someone and gotten a reaction you didn't expect?*
3. *Are there people you love that you are longing to see come toward Jesus? Where would you describe them on the continuum of openness to Jesus? What does this tell you about what an appropriate approach might be right now?*
4. *Jesus told the disciples, and He firmly believed Himself, that it was the Spirit of God who supplies what needs to be said and done as we go along in our mission. How does it encourage you to know that God will give you the words to say to people who are far from Him?*
5. *Is there any way you could open yourself more to God's leading in conversations about Jesus? Any practice you could implement to help you listen to God before you speak?*
6. *It's easy to get discouraged when someone we love isn't open to Jesus. If you're having this experience, what might it look like for you to, like Jesus, look around at your mission field and go to those who are open?*

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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