

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST

2026 Church Theme

“So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.”

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

STUDY FOCUS

This midweek Bible study is designed to help believers grow in spiritual maturity by becoming more like Christ. Through Scripture, discussion, and prayer, we will explore how the Holy Spirit transforms our lives as we behold Christ.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- How spiritual transformation takes place
- What it means to reflect the image of Christ
- The work of the Holy Spirit in Christian growth
- Moving from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity

CLASS FORMAT

- Bible-centered teaching
- Practical application for daily living
- Group discussion and prayer

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- New believers
- Christians seeking growth
- Mature believers desiring a deeper walk with Christ

OUR PRAYER FOR 2026

That Springfield Baptist Church will grow in Christlikeness, reflecting the glory of the Lord in character, conduct, and commitment.

Beholding Christ • Becoming Like Christ • Bringing Glory to God

Love for Enemies

—Matthew 5:43–48

Explore It

- 1. What ancient rule of life did Jesus challenge here? (5:43)**
- 2. *How did Jesus say we ought to treat our enemies? (5:44)**
- 3. What did Jesus say we ought to do for those who persecute us? (5:44)**
- 4. Why did Jesus suggest modifying this universally accepted law? (5:45)**
- 5. *How does God treat evil and good people in the same way? (5:45)**
- 6. How does God treat righteous and unrighteous people equally? (5:45)**
- 7. What type of people did Jesus cite as loving those who love them? (5:46)**
- 8. What does God think of us when we love those who love us? (5:46)**
- 9. Why is friendliness to friends and relatives not considered exceptional behavior? (5:47)**
- 10. What kinds of people are mentioned as greeting only their brothers? (5:47)**
- 11. What exceptional standard did Christ give us? (5:48)**
- 12. *Who has set an example for us? How? (5:48)**

Prayer

—Matthew 6:5–15

Explore It

1. According to Jesus, what wrong motivation prompts some individuals to pray? (6:5)
2. *What name did Jesus call people who pray for show? Why? (6:5)
3. Where do hypocrites prefer to do their praying? (6:5)
4. What type of reward will religious showmanship bring? (6:5)
5. *How did Jesus command His followers to pray? (6:6)
6. Where did Jesus suggest we talk to God? (6:6)
7. *What type of reward will humility in prayer bring? (6:6)
8. What did Jesus have to say about repetitive or long, windy prayers? (6:7)
9. What insights or facts about God are revealed in this passage? (6:6, 8, 9)
10. To whom did Jesus tell us to pray? (6:9)
11. What should be our attitude toward God? (6:9)
12. What should be our attitude toward God's kingdom and will? (6:10)
13. What should be our attitude toward life's necessities? (6:11)
14. What should be our attitude toward those who have wronged us? (6:12)
15. What should be our attitude toward temptation? (6:13)
16. Why is it crucial for us to forgive those who wrong us? (6:14–15)

Treasures in Heaven

—Matthew 6:19–24

Explore It

1. *Where did Jesus urge His followers not to “store up treasures”? Why? (6:19)
2. Why did Jesus discourage stockpiling things? (6:19)
3. What can happen to a person’s material possessions? (6:19)
4. *Where did Jesus encourage us to invest our wealth? Why? (6:20)
5. Why is heaven a better place to “bank” than earth? (6:20)
6. What does the location of a person’s treasure say about that person? (6:21)
7. What is described as the “lamp of the body”? How is this so? (6:22)
8. What is the result of “good eyes”? (6:22)
9. When will people’s lives be full of darkness? (6:23)
10. *What did Jesus say about serving two masters? (6:24)
11. Why did Jesus say we cannot serve two masters? (6:24)
12. What two masters did Jesus mention in this context? Why? (6:24)

Do Not Worry

—Matthew 6:25–34

Explore It

- 1. What three worries did Jesus discourage among His followers? Why? (6:25)**
- 2. Why is food a trivial matter? (6:26)**
- 3. According to Jesus, how do clothes stack up as a subject of great concern? (6:26)**
- 4. *What creatures did Jesus use to illustrate God’s reliability as a provider? Why? (6:26)**
- 5. Why are God’s creatures consistently “fed and clothed”? (6:26)**
- 6. *Why should we take great comfort from the way the animal and plant kingdoms operate? (6:26)**
- 7. What benefits does worry bring? (6:27)**
- 8. What fact from nature did Jesus use to illustrate the folly of worrying over clothes? (6:28)**
- 9. How did Solomon’s wardrobe measure up to the beauty of nature? (6:29)**
- 10. *What comfort can followers of Christ find in the beauty of nature? (6:30)**
- 11. Who is consumed by concern over food, water, and clothing? (6:32)**
- 12. What priorities should we have in life? (6:33)**
- 13. What does God do for His children when they keep the right perspective, refuse to worry, and trust Him? (6:33)**
- 14. Why is it silly to fret over the future? (6:34)**

Judging Others

—Matthew 7:1–6

Explore It

- 1. What happens to those who are judgmental or critical? (7:1)**
- 2. In what way will we be judged? (7:2)**
- 3. *By what measure will we be judged? (7:2)**
- 4. What kind of faults do we notice in others? (7:3)**
- 5. How did Jesus illustrate the foolishness of the way we find fault with others? (7:3)**
- 6. What figure of speech did Jesus use to illustrate how blind we are to the shortcomings in our own lives? (7:4)**
- 7. *What did Jesus call those who ignore their own imperfections and focus on the flaws of others? Why? (7:5)**
- 8. When is it good to confront others with their faults? (7:5)**
- 9. *Why is it necessary to deal with one's own sins first? (7:5)**
- 10. What are we not to do with sacred things? Why? (7:6)**
- 11. What may happen if we disregard Jesus' warning? (7:6)**

Ask, Seek, Knock

—Matthew 7:7–12

Explore It

- 1. What did Jesus say will happen if we bring our requests to Him? (7:7)**
- 2. What happens when we seek in Christ's name? (7:7)**
- 3. *According to Jesus, what is the result for those who "knock" on God's door? (7:7)**
- 4. How do loving parents respond to a child's request for bread? (7:9)**
- 5. How do loving parents respond to a child's request for fish? (7:10)**
- 6. *What is true about the character of even the best human parent? (7:11)**
- 7. *How can we be encouraged by the sight of godless parents doing good things for their children? (7:11)**
- 8. What is the likelihood of God giving His praying children what they need? (7:11)**
- 9. How are we to treat others? (7:12)**
- 10. In what specific situations are we to follow the Golden Rule? (7:12)**
- 11. Why is the command to treat others as you want to be treated so significant? (7:12)**

A Tree and Its Fruit

—Matthew 7:15–23

Explore It

- 1. Against whom did Jesus warn us? Why? (7:15)**
- 2. What do false prophets look like on the outside? (7:15)**
- 3. What are false prophets like inwardly? (7:15)**
- 4. How did Christ say we could recognize false prophets? (7:16, 20)**
- 5. *What does nature reveal about a tree and its fruit? (7:16)**
- 6. What kind of fruit do good trees bear? Why? (7:17–18)**
- 7. What type of produce grows on bad trees? Why? (7:17–18)**
- 8. *What happens to trees that fail to produce good fruit? (7:18)**
- 9. *Who will enter the kingdom of heaven? (7:21)**
- 10. How will some people try to talk their way into heaven? (7:22)**
- 11. What credentials or accomplishments will some people claim? (7:22)**
- 12. How will Jesus respond to these impostors? (7:23)**
- 13. What is necessary for entry into heaven? (7:23)**

The Wise and Foolish Builders

—Matthew 7:24–29

Explore It

1. Who did Jesus say is wise? (7:24)
2. Besides hearing the words of Christ, what else must a person do in order to be considered wise? (7:24)
3. Jesus compared wise living to building a house on what kind of foundation? (7:24)
4. *What sets fools apart from wise people? (7:24, 26)
5. In Jesus' analogy, what strong forces of nature pounded on the wise person's house? (7:25)
6. What was the effect of the wind and rain on the house? (7:25)
7. Why wasn't the house part of a "disaster area"? (7:25)
8. *What kind of people did Jesus talk about in contrast to the wise person? (7:26)
9. *What individuals are like a man who builds a house on sand? (7:26)
10. According to Jesus, foolish living is like building a house on what kind of foundation? (7:26)
11. In Jesus' analogy, what happened when the wind and water crashed against the fool's house? (7:27)
12. How did the crowd respond to Jesus' teaching? (7:28)
13. Why did the crowd react with amazement to Jesus' teaching? (7:29)

The Cost of Following Jesus

—Matthew 8:18–22

Explore It

1. What observation prompted Jesus to cross to the other side of the lake? (8:18)
2. What orders did Jesus give? (8:18)
3. What did the teacher of the law call Jesus? (8:19)
4. What did the teacher of the law claim he would do? (8:19)
5. *Who approached Jesus? (8:19–20)
6. What did Jesus tell the teacher of the law he would have to do without? (8:20)
7. *What animals did Jesus say were more secure than He? Why? (8:20)
8. Who offered to follow Jesus? (8:21)
9. What did one of Jesus' disciples request? (8:21)
10. *What command did Jesus give to the disciple that offered to follow Him under certain conditions? (8:22)
11. How did Jesus handle the disciple's request? (8:22)

The Workers Are Few

—Matthew 9:35–38

Explore It

- 1. Where did Jesus go? To do what? (9:35)**
- 2. Where did Jesus teach? (9:35)**
- 3. What did Jesus preach about? (9:35)**
- 4. What kinds of disease and sickness did Jesus heal? (9:35)**
- 5. *What emotion did Jesus feel when He saw the crowds of people around Him? (9:36)**
- 6. Why did Jesus feel as He did? (9:36)**
- 7. *What helpless animals were the people compared to? (9:36)**
- 8. In what terms did Jesus describe the situation He and His disciples were observing? (9:37)**
- 9. How did Jesus describe the number of people helping others come to Him? (9:37)**
- 10. Who did Jesus tell His disciples to discuss the lack of workers with? (9:37)**
- 11. *For whom did Jesus tell His disciples to pray? (9:37)**

A Brother Who Sins Against You

—Matthew 18:15–20

Explore It

- 1. What situation was Jesus addressing in this context? (18:15)**
- 2. *What did Jesus set forth as the first step in resolving conflict? (18:15)**
- 3. What positive consequences can result from resolving conflict? (18:15)**
- 4. *What should we do if a person will not listen to correction and does not want to work things out? (18:16)**
- 5. What Old Testament principle is in view here? (18:16)**
- 6. What did Jesus say to do if a person doing wrong won't listen to correction? (18:17)**
- 7. *What extreme measures should be used if a wrongdoer turns a deaf ear to all pleas to reconcile? (18:17)**
- 8. How can Christians and/or churches be certain they have authority to exercise discipline? (18:18)**
- 9. What assurance did Jesus give His disciples about answered prayer? (18:19)**
- 10. What special promise did Jesus make to groups that gather in His name? (18:20)**

The Sheep and the Goats

—Matthew 25:31–46

Explore It

1. How did Jesus describe His Second Coming? (25:31)
2. Where will all the nations be at Christ's return? (25:32)
3. According to Jesus, how will the people of the earth be divided? (25:32–33)
4. How will Jesus divide humanity? (25:33)
5. *What will Jesus say to those on His right? (25:34–36)
6. Why will the group on Jesus' right be blessed? (25:35)
7. *How will the "sheep" respond to Jesus' words on that day? (25:37–39)
8. *What criterion will Christ use to judge people? (25:40)
9. What will Jesus say to the "goats" on His left? (25:41)
10. Why will the goats be judged? (25:42)
11. What will cause the goats to be judged? (25:42–43)
12. What defense will those on Christ's left use to justify themselves? (25:44)
13. What will hell be like? (25:46)