MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:
Matthew 18:4 (NIV) *Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

***Read Matthew 13* – Parables about the Kingdom of God**

1. Do all people respond to the Gospel in the same way at the same time? How might this help us understand our sowing work in the world?
2. Why does God let evildoers live alongside the faithful?
3. Is the hidden treasure in the parable the Gospel or a poor sinner?

- **Prayer:** ***Strengthen our belief and faith so that a fuller understanding of Your parables and your Word and Kingdom become known to us.***

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Read Matthew 14—Peter Loses Focus

1. "Take heart; it is I." Where else has God used similar words to identify Himself?
2. When have you lost focus on Jesus and looked silly but were then rescued by him?
3. What is significant about Jesus healing people who touched the fringe of His clothing? Was Jesus generous with his healing?

- **Prayer:** ***When storms threaten our lives, keep our eyes on you Jesus and assure us of your loving care.***

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Read Matthew 15 - Faith of A Canaanite Woman

1. What is the danger of focusing our attention on traditions?
2. Did Jesus come only to save only the House of Israel (scripture interprets scripture)?
3. What lesson can we learn from the Canaanite woman about our prayer life?

- **Prayer*****: Even though we are unworthy, remind us of the promises you have made Lord and keep us persistently in prayer.***

MY NOTES
My Insights / My Questions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Read Matthew 16 – Peter Confesses

1. Why did Jesus' enemies demand these spectacular signs when He was healing great multitudes of people right before their eyes?
2. Why is the moment of Peter's confession a high point and pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry?
3. Why does Jesus tell his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ?

- **Prayer:** ***We confess that you, Jesus, are His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under …***

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Read Matthew 17 – Jesus Shines

1. What theme in Matthew do the presence of Moses and Elijah on the mountain continue to emphasize?
2. What might God the Father be referring to when he says "listen to him"? See later in the chapter.
3. How does the reaction of Jesus' disciples to his foretelling of his death and resurrection show that they understood what He was saying to them? Are they finally starting to get it?

- **Prayer:** ***Jesus shine your light upon the world that they may know that you will come again to judge your people and resurrect the faithful.***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Read Matthew 18 – Lost Sheep Forgiven

1. Why is it important to recognize God's concern about each and every believer no matter how little, frail or sick?
2. How does Jesus want us to deal with unrepentant sinners in our congregation?
3. Who will forgive more sins, God or you? Who has more sins to be forgiven, you or your neighbor?

- **Prayer:** ***Your forgiveness has no limits Lord. Help me to forgive those who have done wrong to me.***