MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:
Matthew 19:26 *Jesus looked at them and said: With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Read Matthew 19 **– The Perfect Young Man**

1. Is it better to be single or married? Should we ask God to prepare us and bless us for whatever eventuality?
2. Why do you think the young rich man was not prepared to repent? Ignorance, pride?
3. What lessons would Luther's explanations (and Matthew's) of the 10 commandments say about the perfection of the young man?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord be bless and strengthen the marriages that are part of our lives and teach us how to forgive*****.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Read Matthew 20**—Laborers in the Vineyard**

1. Are the ways God does things always the way we would do them? How many times in Matthew's Gospel so far has Jesus' action or story surprised you?
2. How does the laborers parable build on God's message of salvation from the Matthew 19 rich young man's story of failure to keep the law?
3. How is Jesus' prediction of His death a third and final time different than the first two times in Matthew?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord bless the laborers and teach us to be thankful for their work to supply food and shelter.***

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Read Matthew 21 **- The Triumphal Entry**

1. Were the crowds on Palm Sunday shouting for the Messiah to save them from the wrath of the Romans or from the wrath of God?
2. Jesus preaches many times in Matthew about hypocrisy and also about bearing good fruits. How are these two things related?
3. How is the parable of the tenants a direct answer to the chief priests and elders' inquiry about Jesus's authority (see v 23-27 for a non-answer)?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, all good things we do for our neighbors come from you. Help us to bear good fruit.***

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

***Read Matthew 22* – God's Invitation to His Son's Feast**

1. Who are the good and who are the bad of this world that are invited to the wedding feast (v10) ?
2. It is likely the king gave the wedding attendees garments to wear upon entry to the feast. What might the garments represent?
3. Why does Jesus make it clear that we also have obligations to civil government? Do these obligations extend beyond just paying our taxes?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord bless us through the good rule of our civil authorities.***

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

***Read Matthew 23* – Lament over the Jewish Leaders**

1. How do we sometimes take God's word and tie it up with heavy burdens we lay on people (v. 4)?
2. Why is Jesus so critical of the Pharisees? How many times have they rejected him in Matthew's Gospel? In how may ways have they perverted God's Word?
3. At the end of the chapter, what does Jesus show us about His heart toward His people who rejected Him?

- **Prayer:** ***May God grant us humility in our vocations as we recognize and honor those in authority over us.***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

***Read Matthew 24* – Jesus Foretells the End of the World**

1. Where is Christ, where is he to be found (v 23-26)? Who will you listen to about finding Christ?
2. There will be lots of deception and many false prophets. Will it be difficult or easy to recognize Christ's return?
3. Do verses 40 and 41 speak of a unique event of a rapture or of happening during the judgement on the last day?

- **Prayer:** ***Jesus, keep us faithful, undeceived and watchful so that we are prepared for Your assured return.***