## DAY 01 |

**Principle:**
*Jesus is the Messiah who was foretold by the prophets and promised by God in the Old Testament.*

**Read Matthew 1:1, Gen 12:1-3, 2 Sam 7:11-16, Isa 9:1-7, Isa 7:14, Matt 1:22, Hos 11:1, and Matt 2:15**

1. Why would Matthew, a Jewish disciple of Jesus, make such a significant effort to prove that Jesus is the Messiah?

2. If Jesus did indeed fulfill God's promises and the Jewish prophecies, why should that be important to you?

## DAY 02 |

**Principle:**
*God introduced the Kingdom of Heaven through the presence and power of its King... Jesus.*

**Read Matthew 3:2, 4:17, 5:3, 5:10, 6:33, 7:21, 13:31, 16:19, 18:3-4, 19:14, 24:14, 25:34, and 28:18**

1. Why might the hope of a new king and kingdom have resonated so deeply with Matthew's Jewish readers?

2. How would knowing about this king and His kingdom change your beliefs and how you live?

## DAY 03 |

**Principle:**
*Only through faith in Jesus can we enter Heaven, for righteousness comes from Him alone.*

**Read Matthew 5:17-48, Matthew 10:34-39, and Matthew 11:28-30**

1. Why do you think Jesus calls for such extreme moral standards? How can anyone possibly hope to fulfill them?

2. In what ways, and how often, do you try to live up to the standards of behavior Christians frequently say Jesus expects? What is the alternative that Jesus offers?

## DAY 04 |

**Principle:**
*Jesus is God who came to live among us and continues to be with us through His Holy Spirit.*

**Read Matthew 1:22-23, Matthew 28:18-20, and John 14:15-31**

1. How does Matthew prove the deity of Jesus in these verses?

2. Why is it important for us to believe that Jesus is fully God?