**Matthew Chapters 4-7 Study Notes**

Use the Gospel of Matthew books for making notes on the items below. You must be careful to spend class time well, as you cannot take these reference books home. This handout will serve as study notes for a small test next class, Wed. March 25th.

**Part A: The Beatitudes**

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| **Beatitude** | **Meaning?**  Write in your own words. Merely copying from the textbook may not help you form meaning and understanding. |
| Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God. |  |
| Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. |  |
| Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. |  |
| Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. |  |
| Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. |  |
| Blessed are the clean in heart, for they will see God. |  |
| Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. |  |
| Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. |  |

**Part B: The Temptation in the Desert**

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|  | **What is Jesus tempted to do?** | **What is Satan appealing to, in this temptation.** | **How does Jesus overcome this temptation?** |
| **1st Temptation:** |  |  |  |
| **2nd Temptation:** |  |  |  |
| **3rd Temptation:** |  |  |  |

Sum up the message of Matthew 4: 1-11 in a few sentences:

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**Part C: Sermon on the Mount**

Using the Gospel of Matthew textbook and the brainpower of two people (you and your partner), decipher what Jesus means when he says the following…

\*\*A reminder to avoid literal interpretations\*\*

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| **Jesus’ words** | **What He means...** |
| “If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.” |  |
| “...don’t swear at all; let your yes mean yes and your no mean no.” |  |
| “When someone strikes your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well.” |  |
| “...the lamp of the body is the eye.” |  |
| “You cannot serve God and mammon.” |  |
| “...pray in an inner room with the door closed.” |  |
| “Beware of false prophets, who come in sheep’s clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves.” |  |

**Part D: Reflections on the Lord’s Prayer**

Write a reflection (3-4 sentences) on each line of the Our Father.

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;***

(How do I honour God as creator of all things? How do I honour God in my thoughts, my words, and my actions?)

***thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven;***

(How can I reflect God’s reign of love, justice and peace in my life? How can I avoid putting too much emphasis on material things?)

***Give us this day our daily bread,***

(How do I show or develop trust in God to provide for my daily physical, emotional, and spiritual needs)

***and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;***

(What helps or prevents me from not only asking God for forgiveness when I sin but also forgive people when they hurt me?)

***and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

(What are the temptations I face in life? How do I rely on God for the strength to resist them?)