

*Encountering Christ in the Gospel of Matthew*

Feb. 3-9 - Week 6, Matthew 8-14

(Ch. 8) In what ways did Jesus follow His own teachings from the Sermon on the Mount in his interactions with the leper and the Centurion?

(Mat 9:37-38) When Jesus said, “the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”, do you think that still relates to today? If so, how does that impact our church and our personal lives?

(Ch. 10) Why do you think Jesus specifically sent His disciples out to the Jews before the Gentiles?

Why do you think He sent them out with virtually no money, food, or travel supplies?

(Mat 13:24-30, 36-43) How does Jesus’ *Parable of the Weeds* help us understand the reality of evil in the world?

How are we to respond to this reality? (Should we become like the Amish and separate ourselves from the world?)

Who’s the judge of who is wheat and who is a weed? What’s our role in judging the wheat from the weeds?

(Mat 14) How do you think Jesus felt when He found out that His cousin, John the Baptist, had been beheaded? What was His initial response? Why do you think He still responded to the crowd that followed Him?

(Mat 14:22-36) What does the story of Jesus and Peter walking on water teach us about Jesus?

What does it teach us about Peter? Who do you identify in this story and why?