**The Gospel of Matthew**

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Location: Calvary Youth Ministry Center

Hours: 9:45am – 11:00am || Week A

Grades: 6-8

Discussion Section Location: Small Meeting Room

Discussion Facilitator: Nathalie Feng

**Description**

In this course, we’ll be focusing on the gospel of Matthew. Like the other gospel writers (i.e. Mark, Luke, and John), Matthew offers us his own unique portrayal of Jesus Christ. Here Christ is portrayed as the ‘King of the Jews,’ demonstrating the ways in which Christ fulfills Old Testament law while ushering in a new Kingdom. Though Matthew is writing to an ancient Jewish audience, the gospel no doubt continues to speak to us today. Which is why we will take our time reading it in context for the sake of faithful witness and discipleship.

**Objectives**

1. To arrive at a basic understanding of the gospel’s overarching narrative

2. To see how Matthew’s gospel is closely connected to and inseparable from the Old Testament

3. To grapple with the gospel’s perplexing ethical demands, while seeking to apply it for discipleship

**Discussion Group**

Sunday school classes meet bi-weekly (or every other week). Matthew class meets on A weeks, which means there are no classes on B weeks. Instead, on B week Sunday, you will have a discussion section, housed in the small meeting room right next to the library. There students will take turns in leading discussion by drafting challenging questions pertinent to the prior week’s lesson. Note: a youth group leader (i.e. “discussion facilitator”) will be present at every discussion in order to oversee the discussion time. Please make sure to show up on time, to have thoughtful reflections ready to share, and to be engaged. (Remember you’ll only get out what you’re willing to put in!)

**Texts**

*The Bible* [English Standard Version (ESV) preferred]

Reading Handouts

**Schedule**

3/3 – Matthew 1-4

3/10 – Discussion | Leader : Andrew Wang + Allen Liu

3/17 – Matthew 5-7

3/24 – Discussion | Leader : Edward Han

3/31 – Matthew 8-12

4/7 – Discussion | Leader: Luhai Tang + Anthony Wang

4/14 – Matthew 13-18

4/21 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Joint Service)

4/28 – Discussion | Leader: Adam Liu + Michelle Lin

5/5 – Matthew 19-22

5/12 – Discussion | Leader: Sophia Liu

5/19 – Matthew 23-28

5/26 – Discussion | Leader: Matthew Cherfane