

Light & Easy

Invitation to Discipleship | [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

OPENING QUESTIONS: OUR TEXT IN CONTEXT

- Read Matthew 11:25-30. "At that time [*kairos*]" in verse 25 implies a specific historical context, a *kairos moment*. What is it? What crisis was Jesus responding to *at that time*? Hint: vs. 1-24.
- Why does Jesus give thanks when it seems that he should rather be lamenting the crisis that was unfolding "at that time"?

THINKING QUESTIONS: INTERPRETING THE TEXT

1. What are "these things" in verse 25?

Who are the "wise and understanding"?

Why has God hidden "these things" from them?

Is God against education and higher learning? Is Jesus anti-intellectual? Don't just answer yes or no. Please explain.

2. Who are the "little children" in verse 25?

Why has God chosen to reveal "these things" to them?

Hints: Matthew 10:42; 18:6, 10, 14; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2.

What does this tell us about discipleship?

3. Read verse 28. What heavy burden lay upon the backs of the work-weary? Who laid it on them? Hint: Matthew 23:1-4.

4. What does Jesus offer his disciples (then and now) in exchange for burdens and yokes that we are not meant to bear?

5. Define the biblical metaphor of the "yoke" and explain how it works in this text?

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The saying of Jesus in Matthew 11:25-28 marks a critical turning point in Israel's history and Salvation History. In the face of blatant rejection, Jesus rejoices and initiates a new beginning. The invitation he makes to his disciples "at that time" still stands. How will you respond? RSVP

STUDY GUIDE

LISTEN

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Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS: OBEYING THE WORD

- In light of our text, what are some implications for practical discipleship and Christian living today?
- What would you say to Christians who sidestep Jesus' conditions of discipleship in the name of grace? Please answer in light of our text. You may also refer to 1 Corinthians 15:10 and 2 Peter 1:5-7.
- Jesus said the gate to life is narrow and the way is hard (Matthew 7:14). How do you reconcile this with "my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).
- Please solve this riddle: A tool of trade designed for heavy lifting. But Jesus says that in his yoke you will find rest (:29). So how do you work and rest at the same time?
- Are you work-weary and heavy-laden? If so, take stock of all the burdens you bear. Which ones are wearing you down? Are these from God? Or self-imposed? Or dumped on you by others?

Which of your burdens can you rightfully lay down without being irresponsible or derelict of divine duty?

Will you cast off these dead weights now or as soon as possible? What if anything is preventing you from doing so?

- Please share with your group how you intend to respond in new and more intentional ways to each or any of invitations and offers Jesus makes in our text. For example:

Come to me

I will give you rest

Take my yoke upon you

Learn from me

My yoke is easy and my burden is light