



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Matthew 12:1-8 Scripture Handout New English Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(Matthew 12:1) At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

(Matthew 12:2) But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath."

(Matthew 12:3) He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him:

(Matthew 12:4) how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

(Matthew 12:5) Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless?

(Matthew 12:6) I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.

(Matthew 12:7) And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

(Matthew 12:8) For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?