

# *The Pastor's Bible Study*

An interactive study of the Gospel of Matthew

## Week 1

### Class Discussion Time:

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- Background of the Gospels
  - What are the synoptic gospels?
- Matthew's unique contribution
- Matthew's Purpose
- Matthew's Structure
- Matthew's Major Teachings
- Matthew's Outline
- Our Weekly Study Plan

### Personal Study Time:

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(Use the following suggestions in your personal Bible study time this week to prepare for our class discussion next Saturday.)

- Read through the entire book of Matthew this week
  - It takes about 2 ½ hours to read all 28 chapters
  - Read quickly without stopping to ponder the particulars
- Get a spiral bound notebook and as you read list verses you want to come back and study in more detail some other time
- On one page of your notebook list what you think the major theme of each of the 28 chapters is
- On another page of your Matthew notebook list (or underline in your Bible) at least one text that is of special importance to your spiritual journey
  - Also, write down why the passage(s) is special or precious to you.