

Community Group Question Guide

Matthew 12:14-21 – Gentle Assurance (The Day of Matthew 12)

Note: I am going on the assumption that the events of Matthew 12:1-21 all happen on the same day.

14 *But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.*

15 *Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all*

16 *and ordered them not to make him known.*

17 *This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:*

18 *“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,*

my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

19 *He will not quarrel or cry aloud,*

nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;

20 *a bruised reed he will not break, and*

a smoldering wick he will not quench,

until he brings justice to victory; and

21 *in his name the Gentiles will hope.” (Matthew 12:14-21 ESV)*

How/Why do you think the Pharisees got to the point where they were conspiring to kill Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus ordered those he healed to “not make him known”?

Can you read verse 18 and imagine that is God saying these things about you?

What do you think Matthew’s day was like on the day of Matthew 12?

What was the day of Matthew 12 like for the Pharisees?

What was the day of Matthew 12 like for Jesus?

Why do you think that Matthew chose to add his version of Isaiah 42:1-4 at verses 18-21?

Why do you think Matthew changed the wording of Isaiah 42:1-4 as he wrote Matthew 12:18-21?

Have you ever felt like a “bruised reed” or a “smoldering wick”?

Why does Matthew claim that the object of our hope is “in the name” of the Servant of the Lord?

Does the gentleness of Jesus in Matthew 12, provide you with any assurance? If so, why? how?