

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Matthew 11

1. John the Baptist, the prophet raised up to prepare the way for the Messiah, now finds himself imprisoned in Herod's jail. He hears of Jesus's preaching, teaching, and healing and sends two of his followers to ask "Are you the One to come?" Describe in your own words what John might have been feeling at this stage of his life. How does Jesus respond to John's doubts and questions?
2. Jesus's response to John's question refers back Isaiah 35:5 and following. In what specific ways would this have encouraged John about Christ's being the Messiah he was waiting for?
3. According to Malachi 3:1 and 4:5-6, what was John the Baptist's unique role in salvation history? How does Jesus affirm him in v.11? How do John and Jesus differ?
4. In vs. 25-30, Matthew describes Christ's claims to unique authority and to humility. How can both aspects of the Lord's character be true? What do we learn from these verses about Christ's (1) peace and (2) the heart attitude he asks us to have?
5. After reading the chapter's conclusion, describe the kinds of yokes that Pharisees have imposed on the people and why. What claims does Jesus make about his *yoke*? What are the responsibilities and the results?