

Study Guide July 23, 2018

Monday July 23rd (I took time to pray today)

Read: Mark 8: 31-38 Peter was a faithful disciple of Jesus the Christ and yet here Jesus calls him (or at least his actions) the works of Satan. He says to Peter, “Get behind me Satan.” Jesus’ teaching here is not one of reprimand to Peter but a reminder to him of His mission and ministry to His faithful follower and how sometimes we unknowingly hinder God’s plan. Later he lovingly brings Peter back.

Do: It is hard to look outside of ourselves sometimes. Ask a friend, a co-worker or a family member to see if there is something we might be doing that hinders us from fulfilling God’s mission. Ask them to be honest, and love them for their answer. If they cannot find something ask someone else.

Write it down: What was it? How did you respond when they told you?

Tuesday July 24th (I took time to pray today)

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:4 So many times in our world today, we say things like, “Don’t they see what they are doing?” Meaning they are doing things we don’t like or doing things we believe are wrong.

Write it down: What are the things we see that are wrong? (Use extra paper if needed). And then think, or better yet, look into your Bible and see how Jesus would have offered a way of repentance and healing, and write down how Jesus would remedy what you saw as wrong. (Was Jesus’ answer the same as yours?) One thing I (Pastor Bob) try to reflect on is; does the remedy I offer, offer God’s salvation and does it show God’s love in the way that Jesus did?

Question: What was the source you used to compile your list? And is your list complete (in other words are there things that you might be doing that you did not write down?)

Wednesday July 25th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Ephesians 2:2 The main theme of Paul’s letter to the Ephesians is "that the Church is the Body of Christ. And as such, Paul teaches the church to be humble, patient, gentle and bearing one another in love.

Question: In your Christian walk, do you identify yourself as humble, patient, gentle person, bearing one another in love? Think about a moment in your life when you were not, and then what were the consequences to the one you spoke with?

Thursday July 26th (I took time to pray today)

Read: John 14:6 Jesus says, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one comes to the Father except through Him (Jesus).

Question: Today in the world, we hear people say that they are spiritual, or that they find God in nature, or in other things. We see here though that, this is not true. How can we teach people the truth (Jesus) without sounding judgmental? (Before you answer look at Romans 14:13).

Friday July 27th (I took time to pray today)

Read: 1 John 5:19 John says, “We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. “

Thoughts: Hmm, just playing “Devil’s advocate” for a moment, or probably better “Jesus’ advocate” if we are all sinners, and no one is free from the wages of sin and the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

Question: How do we know we are on the path that God wants us on?

Question 2: How do we separate ourselves from this world? (Ahh)

Through God’s love for us we can’t help but want to serve others and show that love to them. Let us help you explore the best way for you to show love and serve in your Christian path. See Pastor Bob, or Rev. Maryanne Ditter who are willing to help you in your faith walk.

Notes from today's message:

**Grow,
Pray,
and
Study Guide.**

Prayers For The Week



Monday: Father God, I pray today that when I hear the voice that is not yours, that I have the courage to speak the name of your son Jesus in silencing the other. Amen.

Tuesday: Lord, without compromising the teachings that you give me, how can I walk in my brother's shoes that I might teach them about you. Amen.

Wednesday: Holy Spirit I ask today that you guide me to see how it is I am to respond to a broken world. Amen.

Thursday: Lord Jesus I pray today that you might humble me to see the one that you are guiding me to. Amen.

Friday: Father God, reveal to me today the steps I need to take to move from where I am, to where I need, so that I might be a blessing to you. Amen.

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Next week's
Message

**“Jesus, please
don't go”**



**Bring a friend to Sunday School
and worship on Sunday
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