

Study Guide

August 30, 2020

Sunday, August 30th

(I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 16:21-28 This Scripture is about Jesus explaining to his Disciples that he must be killed. Then He went on to tell them that in order to be His Disciples, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him.

Questions: What do you think it means to deny yourself? What do you think it means to take up your cross? Are you willing to do this to be a follower of Jesus?

Monday, August 31st

(I took time to pray today)

Read: Luke 14:26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.”

Questions: What do you think Jesus means by “hate”? Are you willing to put Jesus in first place and the most important people in your life in second place? Or is this where you draw the line in being a Disciple?

Tuesday, September 1st

(I took time to pray today)

Read: Romans 12:1 “Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

Questions: What would it look like to offer your body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God? Do you think this is too much that God is asking of you? Think about how much He does for you?

Wednesday, September 2nd

(I took time to pray today)

Read: II Timothy 3:16-17 This is the Scripture telling us that all Scripture is helpful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training.

Questions: Do you believe this is true? If so, doesn’t it make it easier to be obedient by offering ourselves fully to God? What will you do to get better at doing this?

Thursday, September 3rd

(I took time to pray today)

Read: Romans 6:13–14 “Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master.”

Questions: Do you see this as another way to offer yourself to God? Don’t you see this as an advantage of being a Disciple? Are you ready to stop allowing sin to control your life?

Friday, September 4th

(I took time to pray today)

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!”

Questions: What do you think of the idea that being in Christ means that the old has gone, the new is here? Are you open to being a new creation? Do you see this as a perk of being a Disciple?

Saturday, August 29th

(I took time to pray today)

Read: John 13:35 “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Questions: Do you think others recognize you as a Disciple of Jesus? Would they know it by the way you love others? Are there other ways that someone would know this? Can you explain it to another? Are you willing to work on how you love others?

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*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 Ed or Deacon Maryanne who are willing to help you in your faith walk.*

Notes: today I pray

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and  
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## Prayers For The Week

**Sunday:** Jesus, I am not always all in when it comes to being in relationship with You. Help me to be better at surrendering more of myself to You. Amen.

**Monday:** Lord, sometimes I struggle with putting You in first place above people I consider to be most important. Teach me as I walk through this week to be a person who wants to deepen my relationship with You. Amen.

**Tuesday:** Lord Jesus, You have done so much in my life. Help me to respond by giving more of myself over to You. Amen.

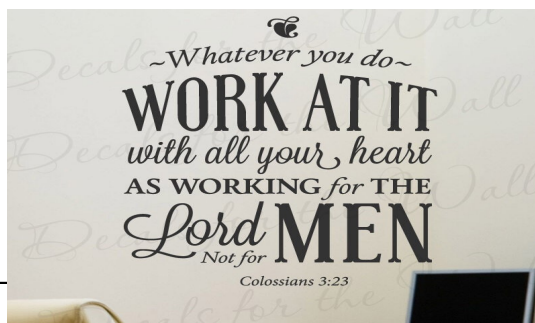
**Wednesday:** God, thank you for Your word and how it can be so helpful in my life. Allow Your words to speak to me when I am struggling with following You fully. Amen.

**Thursday:** Christ, thank You for Your heart of forgiveness. Help me to live a life where sin is no longer my master. Amen.

**Friday:** Lord God, thank You that You desire for me to be a new creation. Forgive me for all that I do that displeases You. Help me to do better as I walk this Christian life. Amen.

**Saturday:** Jesus, I struggle with loving everyone. I sometimes need Your assistance in showing love to others. I desire to be more like You. Amen.

## Working for the Lord



Bring a friend to Sunday School and  
worship on Sunday!  
Check in on Facebook when you are here.

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