## **Study Guide**

Sunday, December 13th

(I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read: Matthew 1:1-6** These first six verses begin the genealogy of Jesus, from Abraham to David.

**Questions:** Can you see God's grace through this genealogy? How have you seen God's grace in your life? How have you seen His love, mercy and forgiveness?

Monday, December 14th (I took time to pray today 
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**Read: Genesis 37:23-27** This is the story of Joseph and his brothers. When Joseph met up with him, they stripped him of his coat and cast him into a pit that was empty. And then sold him.

**Questions:** Why do you think that Jesus' lineage includes Judah, Joseph's brother instead of Joseph? Did you know that Judah was one of the brothers that sold Joseph into slavery? Who are you more like?

**Tuesday, December 15th** (I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read:** Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

**Questions:** Do you trust the idea that God has prepared in advance the good works for us to do? How does that make you feel? Are you willing to be obedient to God no matter what?

Wednesday, December 16th (I took time to pray today 
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**Read: John 14:6** "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

**Questions:** Do you understand that our way to God the Father is through Jesus the Son. Will this cause you to change how you pray and listen? Do you trust that Jesus is truth and life?

Thursday, December 17th

(I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read: Romans 8:28** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purposes."

**Questions:** Do you love God? Do you see if you do, that all things will work for your good? Do you act as if you have been called according to God's purposes? What does that look like?

Friday, December 18th

(I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read:** Romans 5:6-8 "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**Questions:** Do you see how Christ's forgiveness is for all of us? Do you live your life thinking that if you do good things you will be forgiven? Do you even understand what God's grace is all about?

Saturday, December 19th (I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read:** Hebrews 4:16 "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ."

**Questions:** How often do you approach the throne of grace? When you sense you feel God's mercy and grace, do you then share it with others? Or do you find yourself being hypocritical?

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.

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## Notes: today I pray





Bring a friend to Sunday School and worship on Sunday! Check in on Facebook when you are here. Grow, Pray, and Study Guide. Grace.....



## **Prayers For The Week**

**Sunday:** Lord Jesus, I don't always sense Your mercy and forgiveness. Open up my heart and eyes to see and feel these more clearly. Amen.

**Monday:** Lord, sometimes I can act more like Judah than Joseph. Help me be more like You and be more loving towards others. Amen.

**Tuesday:** Lord God, I often am not obedient to You because I do not Trust that You are working behind the scenes. Change my way of thinking Lord so that I can be more obedient. Amen.

**Wednesday**: Lord Jesus, help me to understand better what it means that You are the way to the Father. Guide me and direct me with this as I come to You in prayer. Amen.

**Thursday:** Lord God, I know that You have a purpose for my life. Make it clear so that I can see those purposes and act accordingly. Amen.

**Friday:** Jesus, give me a better understanding of what Your grace is and what it looks like in my life. I want to be thankful for all You are doing in my life. Amen.

**Saturday:** Lord, help me to find the time to approach Your throne of grace so that I can better demonstrate grace and mercy to others. Amen.