Study Guide

December 6, 2020

Sunday, December 6th (I took time to pray today □) Read: Matthew 1:1-6 These first six verses begin the genealogy of Jesus, from Abraham to David. Questions: Did you know that Matthew did something different from the others who listed genealogies? Have you ever really given thought to the genealogy of Jesus and the people listed in it? Monday, December 7th (I took time to pray today □) Read: Matthew 9:12-13 "On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Questions: How do you feel knowing that Christmas is more than thinking of a little baby coming, but we are to think about how we are sinners in need of forgiveness? How does this change your view of Christmas? Tuesday, December 8th (I took time to pray today □) **Read:** John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." Questions: Were you aware of what John 3:17 said? Don't you like the way that these verses talk about love and also why Jesus came into the world? Have you recognized what a gift of love this is? Wednesday, December 9th (I took time to pray today □)

Read: Genesis 29:35 "And she (Leah) conceived again and bore

a son and said, 'This time I will praise the Lord.' Therefore she

named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing."

Questions: Did you see in the genealogy the name Judah? If you know this story, do you see how Leah was often overlooked but that God used her anyway? Do you ever feel overlooked? Can you trust that God's plans can still be fulfilled?

Thursday, December 10th (I took time to pray today □)

Read: Luke 2:20 "The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them."

Questions: Do you know that many praised God when they heard of the birth of Jesus? Do you think that this is a good response for us when we hear the Christmas story?

Friday, December 11th (I took time to pray today □)

Read: Matthew 2:1-2 "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Questions: What does "Worship Him" look like to you? Do you Worship Him when you come into the presence of Jesus?

Saturday, December 12th (I took time to pray today □)

Read: Matthew 2:11 "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him."

Questions: When was the last time you bowed down in the presence of Jesus? Don't you think that should be our response for what He has done for us? Will you make it a part of your worship of Him?

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.

Bring a friend to Sunday School and worship on Sunday!
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A Different Christmas



Prayers For The Week

Sunday: Lord Jesus, thank You that the people in your genealogy were not perfect. Help me to realize that I don't need to be perfect in order to serve You. Amen.

Monday: Lord, thank You that You came to forgive sinners and that is why we need You. Open up doors that reveal ways I can come to You more quickly and easily to repent of my sins. Amen.

Tuesday: Lord God, thank You for sending Your Son because of Your great love for us and not to judge us. Continue to reveal Your love to me so that I can in turn love others. Amen.

Wednesday: Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You continue to love me even when I don't sense Your nearness or even feel loved. Continue to reveal Yourself and Your love to me. Amen.

Thursday: Lord God, I desire to be a person glorifying and Praising You daily. Open up opportunities for me to do this daily. Amen.

Friday: Jesus, I want to be a person who knows how to Worship You with my whole heart, mind and soul. Teach me Jesus. Amen.

Saturday: Lord, sometimes I think my Worship of You does not include all of me. I believe it should. Open up opportunities to have more times of Worship of You. Amen.