

Otisville Church of Christ
Bible Study Guide for February 26-March 3, 2012
Ephesians 4:17-32, Ezekiel 36:22-32, and Mark 10

Sunday – Read Ephesians 4 and Mark 10

1. What did you find most profitable in these scriptures? Why?
2. What did you find most profitable in today's sermons? Why?
3. How will you apply what you learned?

Prayer focus: For wisdom to understand God's word and to apply it to your life.

Monday – Read Ephesians 4:17-32 (17-24)

1. What way of life are these believers to avoid?
2. What are some of the problems associated with such a way of life?
3. How did they learn Christ?
4. How is this different than how they previously lived?
5. How is your mind being renewed? How are you putting on the "new self"?

Prayer focus: For spiritual growth in putting on the new self.

Tuesday – Read Ephesians 4:17-32 (25-32)

1. There are seven different commands in this passage. What are they?
2. Many of these commands have reasons given for them (or results that can be expected to be achieved). What are these?
3. What is the specific reason given for the command to be kind?
4. How should this understanding shape your own spiritual formation?
5. Are you being spiritually formed by the gospel and by God's actions toward you?

Prayer focus: For spiritual growth that comes from an understanding of what God has done for you.

Wednesday – Read Ezekiel 36:22-32

1. What are the reasons God gives for why he is about to act, and what will the results be? (22-23)
2. What four things does God say he will give to or do for his people? (24-27)
3. What will be the physical results of this?
4. What will be the spiritual results of this?
5. How is this "new covenant" fulfilled in your life today?

Prayer focus: To understand God's plan and his covenant with us and to order your life around his covenant in Christ.

Thursday – Read Mark 10:1-31

1. There are three stories in this passage. How does each one illustrate the idea of becoming last in order to become first?
2. In what areas of your life do you most struggle with serving others?
3. What attitudes do you need to give up in order to better serve others?

Prayer focus: For humility to serve others and see their needs as more important than yours.

Friday – Read Mark 10:32-52

1. What is the context for this passage?
2. How did James and John respond to Jesus' teaching about his upcoming death and resurrection?
3. How did the other disciples respond?
4. How and what did Jesus teach them?
5. Our "leadership" should be seen more as "followership" (of Jesus). How are you following him?

Prayer focus: To learn humility in following Jesus.

Saturday – Read Ephesians 4-6

1. What are the main themes of these sections of scripture?
2. How do these sections of scripture develop and extend the teaching from the earlier sections you studied this week?
3. How do they help you prepare for Sunday worship?

Prayer focus: To be prepared to hear the word of the Lord on Sunday.

Notes