

Otisville Church of Christ
Bible Study Guide for February 12-18, 2012
Spiritual Leadership

Sunday – Read 2 Peter 1:1; Acts 6:1-7; Mark 8:31-38; 9:30-37; and 10:32-45

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 2 Peter 1:1-15

1. What "titles" did Peter use when he referred to himself?
2. Which "title" came first for Peter?
3. Does it matter that he understood himself as a servant first and an apostle second? Why?
4. Do you see yourself as a servant?

Prayer focus: For more insight into being a servant of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday – Read Acts 6:1-7

1. What problem does this passage describe?
2. How did the apostles solve the problem?
3. What was the result of the church appointing servants to make sure the church was taken care of (see verse 7)?
4. How can you serve in a way that helps the church be stronger?

Prayer focus: For insight into specific ways of serving in and/or for the church.

Wednesday – Read Mark 8:31-38

1. What did Jesus teach the disciples that led to Peter rebuking him? What was Peter's rebuke?
2. What did Jesus teach about discipleship?
3. How is this related to serving others?
4. In which ways do you need to lose your life in order to follow Jesus?

Prayer focus: To understand the implications of the gospel in our relationships with God and others.

Thursday – Read Mark 9:30-37

1. After Jesus taught his disciples once again about his upcoming death and resurrection, what problem surfaced among the disciples?
2. How does this illustrate why we sometimes have a hard time serving others?
3. What did Jesus teach about greatness?
4. If you want to be “great” as a follower of Jesus, what do you need to do?

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

Friday – Read Mark 10:32-45

1. How did the disciples ignore Jesus' teaching yet again? What problem existed among them?
2. What did Jesus have to say about the way Gentiles “lead” people?
3. What is the difference between the way Gentiles lead and the way Jesus wants us to lead?
4. Do you have a hard time finding greatness in serving others? Why?
5. If not, how can you serve others to help them see why they should follow Jesus' teaching to serve others?

Prayer focus: To learn how we are most selfish and to overcome this to serve others better.

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