

Weekly Study Guide

The week of March 10, 2013

Daily Readings

Monday	James 4:1-10	Tuesday	1 Samuel 18: 6-9	Wednesday	Matthew 20:17-27
Thursday	Luke 11:9-13	Friday	Luke 18:1-14	Saturday	Ephesians 4:1-6

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Mission of Hope Sunday*

Next week's readings: Matthew 21:12-17

Brad Johnson, the President of Mission of Hope in Haiti will be with us to share about what happens when the *Way of Jesus* collides with the way of the culture in Haiti! Lives are being changed in radical ways! Come celebrate what God is doing through the saving work of Jesus!



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Group Discussion

Connect	<p>Do you have a memory of a time when, as a child, some adult (parent, teacher etc) spoke up for you in a situation? Do you have a memory of time when you as an adult stood up for a child? Share the situation. Looking back, how did you feel about those moments?</p>
Learn	<p>Read Luke 11:9-13. When you read these verses, how do you think God feels about us asking him for what is on our hearts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to these verses, what can we know about the things that God gives us? <p>Read Matthew 20: 7-23. In light of Luke 11, in reading this passage, why do you think that Jesus did not grant this request?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you ever asked for something, and later realized that you didn't really know what you were asking for?• What do these two passages tell us about God's love for us? <p>Read Matthew 20:24-27. Why do you think the disciples were angry?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do Jesus' words show about the collision between the position they wanted, and the true position of greatness in his kingdom?• If Jesus were to write a letter about you to the world, about how you show 'greatness' in the Jesus way—according to his words in Matthew 20, what kinds of things do you think he would talk about? <p>The world teaches us to find greatness often in being 'better than' others. In the sermon, the greatness of David was shown in contrast to the 'littleness' of Saul in spirit. How does Christ-like serving create 'greatness' of heart?</p> <p>Read Galatians 6:4-5. What do we learn about comparing ourselves to others?</p>
Apply	<p>Are there places in your life where the 'ugly green monster' rears its head? If you are jealous of someone, pray blessings on them, and ask God to meet your need. He is your champion!</p> <p>If someone is jealous of you, take time to share with them the struggles in your life, and ask them about their own. Taking time to build authentic relationship takes out jealousy's teeth.</p>
Pray	<p>Pray today for any area of your life where jealousy has poisoned your relationships. Ask God to replace it with your confidence in his unique love for you, and his presence in your own situation.</p> <p>Pray for greatness not in the world's estimation, but in God's eyes.</p>