

Weekly Study Guide

The week of October 21, 2012

Daily Readings

Monday	Deuteronomy 6:1-25	Tuesday	Matthew 19:14-15	Wednesday	Ephesians 6:1-4
Thursday	Genesis 4:1-11	Friday	Isaiah 61:1-11	Saturday	Mark 3:31-34

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Dead Ends and Open Roads*

Next week's readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, Matthew 7:13-14

Next week, we continue our series called *Trail Markers*, focusing on lessons learned and left for us by Christians of the past that help keep us on the path with Christ now. Next week, we will be focused on how knowing the difference between "Law" and "Gospel" liberates us to live a life of love, hope, and generosity in the world.



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Group Discussion

Connect	<p>In your home growing up, how was faith practiced?</p>
Learn	<p>Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Ephesians 6:1-4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you notice about God’s plan for children to learn about faith?• How are young people to learn about who God is and how to follow Him? <p>Read Genesis 4:1-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is striking to you about this story?• Is it at all surprising to you that the first murder in human history occurred between brothers?• Why do you think the “fall” impacts families so much? <p>Read Mark 3:31-34: Through faith in Christ, we are brought into a new family where we get to learn a new way to live based on God’s will .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are some ways you learned about God’s will in your home growing up? Did you learn or receive any messages that were harmful in your home? What ways have you struggled to honor your parents?• Who are some people in your life that have helped you to learn more about God’s will outside of your nuclear family of origin? What did you see in them that was Christ-like? <p>Read Matthew 19:13-15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does this passage challenge you in your attitude toward children?
Apply	<p>Who are some kids in your family, church family, or sphere of influence that you can love like Jesus? What are some ways you can express honor and thanksgiving for your parents and those older than you in the family of faith?</p>
Pray	<p>Spend some time praying for each other to live in the love of God our Father and based on His will. Spend some time giving thanks for those who have gone before you or for those who have been hard for you to love. Spend some time praying for the kids in each other’s lives to come to know the love and faithfulness of God in their life.</p>