



## Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - August 7, 2011

### Sermon

Lessons in Stained Glass:

*“Jesus Teaching a Disciple”*

Matthew 19:16-22

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Things I want to remember about this sermon...

Monday 8/8/11

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus did not minister alone. He called disciples to follow him, learn from him, and do the very things he was doing himself. He didn't pick the local experts, the highly educated, or the popular people of his day. No, he picked fisherman, a tax collector, and some other very common people. You see, anyone can be a follower of Jesus. You don't have to be rich, highly honored, or even highly educated. You just need to be willing to listen, observe, and learn from your Master. Are you learning from Jesus today?

Tuesday 8/9/11

James 2:14-17

The young man in this week's scripture asks Jesus what good deed he must do to inherit eternal life. James is clear that faith without works is dead. This concept of doing good works and deeds was apparently widespread. What do you think is required to inherit eternal life? Can we “work” our way into heaven by doing one good deed after another? What all is required of us?

Wednesday 8/10/11

Exodus 20:1-17

Jesus' response to this man's question is that he should keep the ten commandments and then he mentions six of them. Each of these six have to do with relationships with others. How we interact and get along with others says a lot about what we really believe. Jesus was looking not just for good deeds but what was underlying these deeds--what was on the man's heart. What is on your heart? Do you have a heart that is willing to help others? Are you keeping these commandments?



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<p>Things to do this week in response to the sermon...</p> <p><i>What new information can I learn this week?</i></p> <p><i>What have I learned from Jesus that helps me teach others?</i></p> <p><i>This week I will learn to...</i></p>	<p>Thursday 8/11/11 Matthew 5:48</p> <p>John Wesley, the founder of our denomination, preached on Christian perfection, claiming that we all should be going on to perfection. This verse in Matthew is very clear--we are to be perfect, just as our Heavenly Father is perfect. How in the world can we do this? Can we really be perfect in every way? Wesley believed that the believer should be steadily growing in the faith; that each day should be better than the previous one. Only trusting, submitting, and following God's ways will allow this to happen. Are you going on to perfection?</p>
	<p>Friday 8/12/11 James 2:1-5</p> <p>Jesus is very clear about how we are expected to treat those who are poor. Even far back into the Old Testament God created codes and laws that required the people to respect and even care for the poor. How are you caring for the poor today? What can you do to follow Jesus' expectation regarding the poor among us? Our church takes this command very seriously and our Missions Team does a great job in finding creative ways to care for the poor. Are you giving to the missions our church supports? Get involved and care for the poor.</p>
	<p>Saturday 8/13/11 Matthew 19:22</p> <p>This man came to Jesus wanting to learn more from him, but he didn't like what he heard. In fact, he went away sadly because he could not do what Jesus asked him. Can you imagine the joy he would have experienced if he followed Jesus' command? Sometimes our thinking is shortsighted. We look at things in the present rather than the long term. Are you experiencing joy in following Jesus? "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart... down in my heart to stay!" Do you have joy in your heart today?</p>