

## **Devotion Guide for March 27, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 19:1-12**                      **Concerning Divorce**

**Pray for God's illumination**

**Key Point of the Passage:**

Jesus is giving to us how God views marriage and divorce.

**Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) How are we to understand Jesus' statement, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate"?
- 2) Jesus only gives sexual immorality as a reason for divorce. Paul in I Corinthians 7 adds that divorce is legal when the unbelieving spouse wants it. The state has even more reasons for divorce. What makes "a legitimate" divorce ?
- 3) Is marriage the normal state, and if so, what is the place for celibacy?

**Pray about the lesson, for our country and church.**

## **Devotion Guide for March 28, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 19:13-15**                      **Jesus Blesses the Children**

**Pray for God's illumination**

**Key Point of the Passage:**

Jesus uses children as an example of how entering into the Kingdom of God is a matter of grace, not human achievement.

**Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) What is Jesus doing when He lays His hands on the children and prays?
- 2) Little children were seen by the disciples as a distraction from the more important work of the ministry. Do you ever see children as a distraction?
- 3) How are little children members of the Kingdom and of the Church?

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## **Devotion Guide for March 29, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 19:16-26**

**The Rich Young Ruler**

**Pray for God's illumination**

**Key Point of the Passage:**

Jesus is teaching us that salvation is impossible for men to achieve and therefore must be given by God as a free gift.

**Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) What does good deeds have to do with eternal life?
- 2) Is keeping the Ten Commandments important for the Christian today?
- 3) Discuss the danger in trying to find a way to get a camel through the eye of a needle (calling one of the gates of Jerusalem by this name)?

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## **Devotion Guide for March 30, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 19:27-30**

**The Disciples' Reward**

**Pray for God's illumination**

**Key Point of the Passage:**

Jesus continues to teach us more about the character of those who will be in the Kingdom of God.

**Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) What is wrong with Peter's question, "What then will we have?" and why does Jesus not rebuke him?
- 2) Who are the ones Jesus says will sit on thrones judging?
- 3) According to this passage, what is required for eternal life?

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## **Devotion Guide for March 31, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 20:1-16**

**Laborers in the Vineyard**

**Pray for God's illumination**

### **Key Point of the Passage:**

Jesus is illustrating through this parable that absolute dependence is based on grace, not our works.

### **Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) The all day workers accuse the owner of not being fair. What is the place of fairness in the Kingdom of God and the Church?
- 2) Jesus is condemning jealousy. How and where do we see jealousy still in the Church?
- 3) What specifically meant by the first being last and the last being first?

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## **Devotion Guide for April 1, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 20:17-19**

**Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time**

**Pray for God's illumination**

### **Key Point of the Passage:**

Jesus tells His disciples for the third time why they are going to Jerusalem (16:21 & 17:22-23). He makes it very clear that He knew what was coming.

### **Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) With Jesus now having told His disciples 3 times about what awaited Him in Jerusalem, how could they not understand?

2) Did Jesus have a “death wish”?

3) Having heard Jesus’ reason for going to Jerusalem, would you have gone with Him? (Look at John 11:16)

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## **Devotion Guide for April 2, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 20:20-28**  
**Pray for God’s illumination**

**A Mother’s Request**

### **Key Point of the Passage:**

The “cup” normally signified the outpouring of the wrath of God. Jesus calls it “My cup,” meaning that He had taken our wrath upon Himself. The “cup” left for the disciples involved suffering but not God’s condemnation.

### **Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) Was it wrong for the mother to ask this request of Jesus - He does not condemn her?
- 2) What does this passage teach us about servant leadership?
- 3) According to the text, how did Jesus serve?

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## **Devotion Guide for April 3, 2020**

**Read: Matthew 20:29-34**

**Sight for the Blind**

**Pray for God’s illumination**

### **Key Point of the Passage:**

As Jesus approaches Jerusalem, coming out of Jericho, He performs His last recorded miracle. Again this shows not only His power but also His care for the “unimportant” people.

### **Discussion or Meditation Questions:**

- 1) Why would Jesus ask them what they wanted Him to do for them?

2) What is the significance of the men calling Jesus “Son of David”?

3) Why did Jesus use different methods in performing His miracles (touched their eyes)?

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