

Stop

at Bible Class

Look

at Jesus' Works

Listen

to Jesus' Words



Lesson 12

Jesus Teaches Us How to Live

Theme: Faith—Choosing Jesus' way

Memory Verse

“This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.”
John 2:11

Daily Bible Readings

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| Thursday | Matthew 18:1-6, 10-20 |
| Friday | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| Saturday | Matthew 19:1-9 |
| Monday | Matthew 19:16-26 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 20:1-19 |

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Tell three ways Jesus told His followers to be different
- Identify why we should be forgiving
- Describe the danger of being attached to things instead of to God

Jesus often amazed people by what He said and did. He wasn't what most people expected, but He was what God wanted Him to be. He was higher and better than people thought. People wanted an earthly king; Jesus was a spiritual king. People wanted someone who would give them good things; Jesus was in the world to give people life. People wanted a leader to defeat the Romans; Jesus came to defeat Satan. Jesus taught and explained Himself and His work, but many people found Him hard to understand. He seemed to turn things upside down. The way Jesus taught people to live was different, too. To be great, Jesus said to be small. To be first, Jesus said to be

Matthew 18:1-6, 10-20

To become like children means a) be childish, b) be humble and willing to learn, c) forget what we have learned.

True or False? If what I say or do encourages someone else to sin, that's just his problem.



last. To be lifted up, Jesus said to get down low and be humble. To be God's people, we have to think differently. Here are some ways Jesus said to do this.

- *Be humble like a child.* Jesus called a child to use as a demonstration. He said that adults must become like children. He means that big people must have hearts like little people — humble and willing to learn. Jesus said, “Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:4).
- *Forgive others.* Peter thought he was doing great to think we should forgive the same person seven times. Jesus said we should forgive seventy times seven! This means we must keep on forgiving. Jesus teaches why with a story. A man was forgiven of something big, but he would not forgive another man of something small. The

unforgiving man was severely punished. Jesus teaches we must forgive others because we have been forgiven by God. This isn't always easy; it's not what we feel like doing, but it's what we must do to please God who forgives us over and over.



Matthew 18:21-35

Matching:

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| Peter said to forgive | 70 X 7 |
| Jesus said to forgive | over and over |
| God forgives us | 7 times |

- *Stay married for life.* Jesus was serious about marriage. Some people try to get out of their marriages and look for a reason to get a divorce. Jesus said they need to look for a way to stay married. He teaches us that God wants a man and woman to be married for life.
- *Follow God completely.* A young man came to Jesus asking what he should do to have eternal life. He was rich and a good man, so he asked Jesus if there was something else he needed to do. Jesus first listed some commandments he should follow. The man said he was keeping these commandments. He asked if there was anything else. Jesus said he needed to sell everything he had, give it to the poor, and follow Jesus. This made the man sad because he loved his things more than he loved God. Jesus said we can get so attached to things that we put them before God.

One time, Jesus told the story of workers in the vineyard. The employer agreed to pay a certain amount for a day's work. Some started working early in the morning. Others started at different times during the day.

Matthew 19:1-9

When Pharisees asked Jesus about divorce, Jesus told them to a) divorce when you don't love each other any more, b) stay together, c) have an argument.



Some didn't begin working until late in the day. When it came time to get paid, everyone received the same amount, just as they had agreed on. Those who worked all day grumbled about this. They thought they should get paid more. We would probably think so, too. But Jesus turns things upside down. He was teaching that whenever people start following God — whether they are old or young — God forgives all of them the same.

Jesus' way is not the usual way. We can't be proud, selfish, unforgiving, or worldly if we want to follow Jesus. If we truly follow Him, Jesus shows us a different, better, greater way!

Matthew 19:16-26

The rich ruler had kept many commands of God. What else did he need to do?

How did the young man feel when he heard Jesus' answer?

happy sad angry

Why do you think it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven?

- he has too much money
- he spends too much money
- he loves his money and stuff more than he loves God



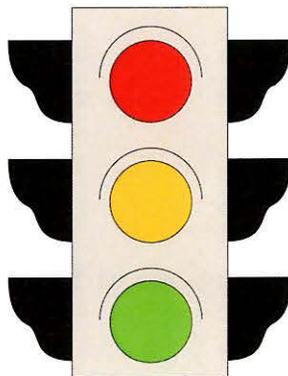
Matthew 20:1-19

The workers who started early in the morning received _____.

The workers who started late in the day received _____.

What lesson was Jesus teaching?

I try to forgive everyone.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — not very often

Yellow — sometimes

Green — all the time

SLOW DOWN TO THINK

You are saving money to buy a new computer game. One of the ways you earn money is to rake leaves for your neighbor. It's Saturday afternoon and you have put off doing your Bible lesson until today. The neighbor calls. He wants his leaves raked. What do you do?

GO FOR THE BIBLE FACTS

Right here, right now, write Galatians 5:22-23 from memory.

What is the book of 2 Peter about?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the regions of Samaria and Galilee, as well as the city of Capernaum..