



# Developing the Heart of a Servant:

## **Biblical Training for Those Interested in Volunteering at Wade**

This module is designed to help prepare you spiritually for being a servant and a team member. It also serves the purpose of building a bond between the volunteers serving together. Since we are in different places in our lives and from different backgrounds, the common ground of studying something together helps build us to one another. It is important that we work as a team, united in our purpose to serve the community and their families. God will use each one of us with our various gifts and talents in many ways.

We anticipate a time of rich relationship building. Although we are working to bless and teach others, I know we will be blessed ourselves. And yet we will face many obstacles, including a sense of being out of control, jealousy, irritation with others, and a desire to be independent.

This module anticipates some of these challenges and provides a common ground for looking at ourselves as servants. This study on servanthood is designed to require seven weeks of study and meditation. The word SERVANT will be used as the foundation. Each letter will be used as a springboard for studying an aspect of servanthood for a one-week period. Daily scripture readings will be listed with questions for meditation.

# First Week: Submission

An understanding of being a servant begins with an understanding of submission. Servanthood implies a hierarchy relationship. Authority and submission are involved. Often, we regard these words in negative ways, yet the Bible speaks in very positive ways about a right use of authority and an eager desire for obedience.

## **FIRST DAY: Source and Purpose of Authority**

1. Read Mt. 28:18-20. By whom was Jesus given authority?
2. Read Ro. 13:1-6. Who establishes all authority? Why are governing authorities called God's servants? What purpose do they serve?
3. What is the source of all authority? What is the purpose of authority on earth?

## **SECOND DAY: Authority in relationships**

1. Read Eph. 5:21-6:9. In verse 21, what reason is given for mutual submission?
2. In the passage listed above, what three cases of submission are called for? In each case, is mutual submission required? If so, in what way?
3. In each case of submission, submission to God is shown by submission to the one given authority. How does submitting to this authority show submission to God?

## **THIRD DAY: Treatment of those in authority**

1. Read I Sam. 29: 1-30:8. This passage tells of David, who has been anointed king of Israel, but who is in hiding in the land of the Philistines because Saul is still King and is in deadly pursuit of him. David leads his men back to Ziklag after David's help has

been rejected by the Philistine king. In verse 30:6, how do David's men respond to his leadership? What is the cause of this response? What was David's reaction to their response?

2. Read Ex. 32: 1-8. This passage tells of Moses, the deliverer of God's people from the tyranny of Egyptian slavery. After the escape, God calls Moses up to Mt. Sinai to give him the Ten Commandments. When Moses leaves the people in the valley, they become restless. How do the people of God treat the leader they have been given? Why? In verse 7, what conclusion does God draw in considering this treatment?
3. Why is it important to respect the leaders God has given? How well do you accept the leadership of others? What are reasons that cause you to question authority?

#### **FOURTH DAY: Authority of Church to Send Missionaries**

1. In the Great Commission, God sends his disciples to witness to the nations. In Acts 13, we see the first missionaries sent by the church in Antioch. Read Acts 13:1-5. How were these missionaries selected and for what purpose? How is it possible to say that these missionaries were sent both by God and the church?
2. Read Acts 14: 21-27. Why do Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch? What obligations do they have?
3. How did you feel called to serve at Wade? You have been chosen by the church to go. What obligation do you have to the church (denomination)?

#### **FIFTH DAY: A Positive Example: Jesus**

1. Read John 3: 16-17. Who sent Jesus on a mission to earth? What was this mission?

2. Read John 4: 31-34. What does Jesus say is his food? What does food do for you? Why do you think Jesus used the image of food to convey this thought?
3. Read John 5: 18-30 and John 6: 35-40. (For further reading see John 8: 19-30 and John 10: 11-18). Jesus, being God, is equal with God. Why did He submit to His Father? Does submission make him less than God?

### **SIXTH DAY: A Negative Example: Saul**

1. Read I Sam. 7: 7-9. This story takes place when Samuel was judge (and priest) over Israel. They had no king, but due to the fear they had for the Philistines, they were clamoring for a king like the other nations had. In this passage, what action do we see Samuel take and with what result?
2. In the next passage, we see that Saul has been anointed king over Israel. Samuel in this passage gives him instructions. Read I Sam. 10: 3-8. In verse 8, what is Saul asked to do?
3. Now read I Sam. 13: 1-14. Here we witness one of Saul's first actions as King. What does he do? Why does he choose this action? What is Samuel's response? What were the repercussions of Saul's action to his kingship?
4. Do you see any of yourself in Saul? Explain.

### **SEVENTH DAY: Refocus on Positive Example**

1. Read John 12: 23-28 and John 18: 10-11. What "hour" is Jesus speaking of? What is His attitude toward this hour? Is He troubled?

2. Read Mt. 26: 36-46; Mk. 14: 32-42 and Lk. 22: 39-46. Here you read the account from the three synoptic gospels of Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane before He is arrested. What did Jesus ask His three disciples to pray for? What was the focus of His own prayer? How does Luke describe His state at that moment?
  
3. Why did Jesus submit to His Father knowing the cost? What was the cost? What would have happened if Jesus had followed Saul's example?
  
4. Are you more prone to follow Jesus' example or Saul's?

**CONCLUDING THE WEEK: Looking back at Submission**

As you embark on this mission adventure, you will realize that you have been sent by God. Sometimes, on mission teams I have led, the team gets restless under the strain of fatigue and changes that were not predicted and announced. The members, at times, become very independent in their thinking, feeling they could do a better job of leading. (There is nothing new under the sun. Remember David and the men at Ziklag?) It is important to pray for your leaders and pray that you will resist the temptation to make your own way.

Especially with a group of people, there will be times of tension and misunderstanding. Please begin now to prepare your hearts asking God for a unity of spirit so that we may be pleasing to the Lord.

## Second Week: Endurance

### **FIRST DAY: What it means to endure**

1. Look up in the dictionary a definition of endurance. If it gives a definition using the word “endure”, look up that word. Give your results in the space provided.

2. Investigate the following passages. What does the Bible say endures?

- Ecc.3: 14
  
- Ps. 112: 9
  
- Ps. 136: 1
  
- II Cor. 9: 9
  
- I Pet. 1: 24-25

3. If the Bible indicates that only these (above mentioned) endure, in what way are we called to endurance?

### **SECOND DAY: God, our mainstay in suffering**

1. Read II Cor. 1: 1-11. How does Paul find meaning in suffering? How does he describe his suffering in this passage?

2. Have you ever felt the same as Paul? What lessons did you learn from the experience?

**THIRD DAY: Endurance as a missionary**

1. Read II Cor. 6: 3-10 and II Cor. 11: 16-30. What were some of the hardships Paul endured as a missionary? How did he endure?

2. Do you anticipate any similar sufferings working at Wade? Have you encountered any troubles in your preparation to serve? What helps you endure?

**FOURTH DAY: A Matter of What You “See”**

1. Read II Cor. 4: 7-18. What does Paul mean by “we have this treasure in jars of clay”?
2. How is it that Paul can make the claims he does in verse 8-9? Can you also make those claims?
3. Why did Paul not lose heart?
4. What does it mean to look at the “unseen”? (See also Heb. 11: 27.) Are you better at focusing on the “seen” or the “unseen”?

**FIFTH DAY: Jesus’ example**

1. Read and meditate on Heb.12:1-13. What race was marked out before Jesus? Why are we told to consider Him as we run our race?

2. In what way is accepting hardship as discipline a “family matter”? What is the purpose stated for God’s discipline?
3. What is it we are called to do in this passage? In your current situation, how can you do this?

**SIXTH DAY: Means of goal endurance**

1. Read II Pet. 1: 3-11. What has God’s divine power given us? Through what means does it come to us?
2. Perseverance is listed as a desirable quality to possess. Why? What awaits those who persevere?
3. From your previous study of the Bible, list at least two people who persevered (either Old Testament or New) and explain how they did it.

**SEVENTH DAY: Finding comfort as we endure**

1. Read Ps. 121 and 123. In these psalms, where does the psalmist say he is “lifting his eyes”? What does this mean?
2. How do you understand Ps. 121: 7? If both believers and unbelievers meet with harm, what does this verse mean?
3. What comfort is to be gained from these Psalms?

**CONCLUDING THE WEEK: Looking back at Endurance**

We are all looking forward to this ministry. We do not anticipate encountering all the hardships of which Paul speaks on his missionary journeys, yet we do not know what troubles we might experience.

As Paul founded churches and wrote to them, he often asked them to pray for him (see Eph. 6: 19-20 and Col. 4: 2-6). Begin to pray that the Lord might prepare and strengthen you. Also, get friends and supporters to pray for you (perhaps using Paul's requests for prayer as a guide). Recount to yourself the ways God has sustained you through hard times in the past. Practice "fixing you eyes" on Him.

# Third Week: Reliance

## **FIRST DAY: Objects of our Reliance**

1. Look up the following verses. In each case, indicate what the Bible says **not** to trust:

- Ps. 20: 7
- Ps. 44: 6
- Ps. 49: 13
- Ps. 118: 8
- Ps. 146: 3
- Pr. 11: 28
- Pr. 28: 26
- Is. 31: 1
- Is. 42: 17
- Jer. 5: 17
- Jer. 9: 4
- Jer. 48: 7
- Ro. 2; 17-21

2. Why is it foolish to trust in the things listed above? Which one of them are you the most prone to trust in?

## **SECOND DAY: An example of reliance**

1. Read I Sam. 17: 1-51, the famous story of David and Goliath. Why did Israel fear Goliath? Why did David not fear him?

2. What weapons did Saul use? Where were David's weapons?
3. In what did Goliath trust? David? Saul?
4. Do you have any Goliaths in your life? In what do you trust?

**THIRD DAY: Another example**

1. Read Judges 6: 33 - 7: 25. Gideon was facing an enemy. What were the tactics the Lord used to win the battle? Why?
2. Can you think of any other Scriptural examples of such tactics?
3. What principle can you extract from Gideon's lesson to help you serve at Wade?

**FOURTH DAY: A simple matter of trust**

1. Read Mt. 6: 19-34. These are probably very familiar verses to you, but you never have applied them to the mission field. The following questions will help you to make some applications:
  - What is futile about storing treasures on earth?
  - What problem occurs in serving two masters?
  - Why are we told not to worry?
  - Why should we take one day at a time?
2. From the above question, list some principles to help you serve at Wade?

3. Have you already begun to worry about the details of the mission? Are you worried about money? Talk to yourself, using the principles laid down in this passage.

#### **FIFTH DAY: Jesus' example**

1. Did Jesus have to rely on God? Use the following passages to explore this question.
  - Mt. 4: 1-11
  - Lk. 3: 21-22
  - Lk. 6: 12-13
  - Lk. 9: 21-22
  - Lk. 22: 41-44
  - Jn. 17: 1-5
  - Jn. 17: 6-8
  - Lk. 23: 44-46
2. Jesus was a 'missionary' sent by God to earth, a "foreign" country. What things can you learn from this example?

#### **SIXTH DAY: Paul's example**

1. Read Phil. 3; 4-11. In what pedigree could Paul rely? Why had he found this lacking?
2. What pedigree (upbringing, gifts, experience) would it be tempting for you to rely on? Why would this be inadequate?
3. Read II Cor. 12: 1-10. In Paul's estimation, why was he given a thorn? What did he learn from it?
4. Do you have any thorns? Have you learned the same lesson as Paul?

#### **SEVENTH DAY: Basking in this Faithfulness**

1. Read and meditate on Ps. 46 and Ps. 27: 1-6. Reflect on God's sufficiency.

2. What does it mean “Be still and know that I am God”? Under what conditions in Ps. 46 are we called upon to do this? How easy or how difficult have you found this in these times?
  
3. According to Ps. 27, what truths about God are revealed to the psalmist in times of trouble? What other attributes of God cause you to be strengthened? What one thing does the psalmist ask of God? (You may wish to compare Is. 30: 15 and Is. 32: 17-20 with the psalm.)

### **CONCLUDING THE WEEK: Looking back at Reliance**

From Genesis to Revelation, we hear the story of an all-sufficient God and Savior and His helpless creatures whose weaknesses are a display case for His strength. He delivered His people from slavery in Egypt and brought them into the Promised Land. He delivered His people from slavery in the Kingdom of darkness and brought them into the Kingdom of Light. One day, with our own eyes, we will gaze at His beauty in the sanctuary of heaven.

Until then, we are here on earth to do His bidding strengthened by faith. We seem to have to learn over and over not to trust in other things. Doing missions usually heightens our awareness of this truth. We tend to rely on the rights and benefits we have as Americans. We are accustomed to convenience, instant cash, fast food, customer service, having a voice, freedom to make and implement decisions. These things are not guaranteed as Christians. Often, believers in other countries must trust God for things we take for granted. The discovery of this is often humbling.

Perhaps, as you have been preparing for this mission you have seen God working in ways you never experienced. Remember this and praise Him. Ask Him that you may learn more about trusting in Him for this ministry. Remember this most certainly will entail discovering again, your insufficiency, your weakness, helplessness. In this life, we live by faith. Pray for you and your fellow workers and the children you will be serving that your faith may be strengthened.

# Fourth Week: Valor

The word valor implies a battle or an encounter with danger. In reality, we as Christians are engaged in battle. We have only to look at both Old and New Testaments to see the people of God characterized as warriors or soldiers.

## **FIRST DAY: The Reality of the Battle**

1. Lest we forget we are in battle, the Bible constantly reminds us. On earth, the first battle line was drawn in Genesis. Read Gen. 3. Who are the opposing sides? What's at stake? What happened? What would you say is the real reason for the battle?
2. How are you involved in this same battle today?
3. Read Ro. 7: 7-25. What battle does Paul refer to here? How does this relate to Gen. 3? What is the solution? Do you relate to Paul in this?

## **SECOND DAY: The Nature of the Battle**

1. Read Jn. 18: 36, Mt. 26: 50-56, and Lk. 22: 49-53. What did Jesus mean when he said that His Kingdom is not of this world? Of what world is it? How do the events described in the above passages demonstrate this?
2. Read I Cor. 2: 6-16 and II Cor. 10:4. What connection do these verses have with the passages listed in question 1? In what terms do they describe the "battle"?
3. As you have been preparing to serve at Wade have you encountered opposition? Does it relate to the battle? Explain.

### **THIRD DAY: Courage in Battle**

1. Read Joshua 1. God speaks to Joshua as he readies himself to lead the people of God in to possess the promised land. What promises are given? What commands are given?
2. In the passage above, how many times is the word *courageous* used? Why do you think this is? On what basis is this courage asked for?
3. Now read about Paul and some of the battles he fought. Read Acts 18: 9-11, 20: 17-27, and 23: 6-11. What words does the Lord speak to Paul? What promise is given? Why is he not afraid to die?
4. Are there any aspects of serving at Wade which bring you fear? If so, which ones? If necessary, read again the passages in 1 and 3. How might you apply them to your fear?

### **FOURTH DAY: Weapons for the Battle**

1. The nature of the battle dictates the kind of weapons used. Read Jos. 6. The first battle fought in taking possession of the promised land was the battle of Jericho. With what weapons was this battle fought? How powerful were they? In other battles of Israel, other weapons were used. Why do you think the Lord commanded this strategy for this first battle?
2. Read Eph. 6: 10-18. The armor of God is described here. Name the six pieces, identifying the physical piece and the spiritual component. How many offensive weapons are mentioned? How many defensive? What are the implications?

3. How prepared are you for battle? How well are you using your defensive weapons? Your offensive?

### **FIFTH DAY: The Identity and Nature of the Opposition**

1. Read Job 1: 6-12 and Job 2: 1-7. Identify the enemy. What is his purpose? What measures does he use? Why must he ask God's permission?
2. Read Mt. 13; 24-30, the Parable of the Weeds and Mt. 13; 36-43, an explanation of the parable. Who is the enemy? What is his purpose? When will he meet his final demise?
3. Read Jn. 8: 44, I Pet. 5: 8, and I Jn. 3: 8. From these verses, describe the nature of the enemy.

### **SIXTH DAY: Remembering the Source of Strength**

1. Read Lk. 4; 1-13, the Temptation of Jesus. In what physical condition was Jesus at the time of this testing? Who led Him into the desert? Did Jesus use the armor described in Eph. 6? Explain.
2. Read Lk. 22: 39-46. What does Jesus ask of his three disciples? Why? What happens? How do Jesus' actions compare with theirs? Who strengthens Him? Why?
3. Read II Tim. 4: 16-18. Compare Paul to Jesus in the previous passage. Who strengthens Paul? Why?
4. Read I Cor. 2: 1-5. What does Paul admit about himself? What does he say about his source of power?

5. Are you more like the three disciples or like Paul and Jesus? Notice what Paul says about himself in Phil. 1: 18-20. Memorize Phil. 4; 12-13.

### **SEVENTH DAY: Triumph in Battle**

1. According to Scripture, Christ's triumph assures our own. Read Rev. 1:3-8. Which triumph does this record? In God's timing, at what point did this triumph occur? Read Col. 2; 13-15. In our time line, when did this triumph occur?
2. The following passages speak of the results of Christ's victory in the lives of those whom He has called. Read these passages and answer the subsequent questions based on their content:
  - I Cor. 9: 24-27
  - I Cor. 15: 50-57
  - I Th. 2: 17-20
  - II Tim. 2: 1-10
  - II Tim. 4; 6-8
  - Jas. 1:12
  - Rev. 2: 8-10
    - a. What are the "spoils" of victory in our lives?
    - b. What is required of us to enjoy those spoils?
    - c. What "crowns" can we wear now? What crowns must we wait for?
3. What encouragement do these passages give you?

### **CONCLUDING THE WEEK: Looking back on Valor**

There is no doubt about it: we are at war; we are soldiers involved in battle. We have been armed by God and commanded to be strong, standing firm in the faith. Our enemy, Satan, looks for our vulnerable spots; our own sinful nature pulls us off course aided and abetted by the attraction of this world. We have powerful enemies! But our God is almighty and sovereign. The war has been won; the enemies conquered. Through

Christ we have the victory and now must live that out daily, “bearing fruit in very good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience” (Col. 1: 10-11).

Although Satan looks for our weaknesses to destroy us, God uses our weaknesses as a showcase for His strength. As we prepare for service at Wade, we will understand that we do not go to battle in our own strength. God will seek opportunities to strengthen our faith. Pray that God will prepare you for battle.

# Fifth Week: Attitude

## **FIRST DAY: What attitude and why?**

1. Read Phil 2; 3-11. What attitude was in Christ? What position did He hold? What example does this set for you?
2. Read Gal. 5; 22-26. What are the fruits of the Spirit? How are they realized in your life? Why are provocation and envy considered against the Spirit?
3. As you contemplate serving at Wade with others, what do these scriptures teach that you should think about those to whom you serve? With whom you serve ?

## **SECOND DAY: Attitude in Action**

1. It is obvious from Scripture that man was not made for a solitary existence. Life is full of relationship – one-anothering. Read the following passages. In each case, list what we are to do to or for one another:
  - Jn. 13: 34-35
  - Ro. 12: 9-13
  - Gal. 5: 13-15
  - Gal. 6: 2
  - Eph. 5: 29-32
  - Col. 3: 12-17
  - Tit. 3: 1-2
  - Heb. 10:24
  - Jas. 2: 1-4
  - Jas. 5: 16
  - I Jn. 3: 16-17
  - 1Jn. 4: 7-11
2. What is the reason given in some of these passages for our necessity to adopt these behaviors?

3. Begin now to pray that God will use this mission experience in your life to apply these Scripture passages. You will have ample opportunity for one-anothering.

### **THIRD DAY: Developing this Attitude**

1. Read II Cor. 5: 17 and Eph. 4: 20-24. How are you able to develop the kind of attitude that Christ had?
2. Sometimes in Christian circles, emphasis is placed on faith from our minds. The Bible, however, clearly teaches that our minds play a vital role in our Christian walk. Our attitude is a function of both mind and heart.
  - Read Lk. 10; 27. What are you to do with your mind?
  - Read Ro. 12: 1-2. By what means does transformation take place?
  - Read Col. 3: 1-11. What is your motivation for setting your heart and mind on the right things? What are the right things?
3. How easy is it to develop the right attitude? What have you found to be helpful in doing so?
4. Read Heb. 12: 1-3. What encouragement do these verses give?

### **FOURTH DAY: Jesus' Example**

1. Read Jn. 13: 1-17. Verses 1 and 3 emphasize what Jesus knew. What did He know? Why do you think this is important?
2. What activity does Jesus perform? Who usually did this? According to verse 15, why did Jesus do this?
3. Notice that this action falls at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry rather than at the beginning. How do you think the timing of this affected the disciples?
4. How do you apply the lesson taught by Jesus to your own life?

### **FIFTH DAY: Paul's Example**

1. Paul, as an apostle, had the right to expect that as he ministered to saints in various locations, they would support him. In several epistles, he specifically mentions that he did not exercise this right. Read the following passages:

II Cor. 11: 7-15

I Thess. 2; 6b-12

II Thess. 3: 6-10

2. What is Paul's point in these passages? Why did he not want to be a burden to these people? What attitude did Paul have toward them? Compare this to Jesus' attitude displayed in the passage from Jn. 13.
3. Read Phil. 4:11-13. What attitude has Paul developed? Do you have this same attitude? How do you learn this attitude?

### **SIXTH DAY: Prayer - the Attitude of the Heart**

1. In the books of the Ephesians and Colossians, Paul's prayers for these people are recorded. These prayers show forth his attitude toward the people he served. Read these prayers:

Eph. 1: 15-23

Eph. 3: 14-21

Col. 1; 3-14

2. What is his attitude towards these people? What is the tone of his prayers?
3. What specific things does he pray for them?
4. Begin now to pray for the children you will be serving. Pray for the same things Paul prayed for.

### **SEVENTH DAY: An Attitude of Anticipation**

1. The Bible teaches us not to worry but encourages us to anticipate and be eager. This ought also to be our attitude. God is working His purposes out and He not only

works through us, but in us. The following passages deal more with our attitude toward life than just toward this event in our lives. Read them. Record what it is we are waiting for.

- Jn. 4: 1-14
- Ro. 8: 22-23
- Phil. 3;20-21
- I Thess. 1:10
- Titus 2:13

2. What connection do the things we do today have with those things for which we wait?

3. The Bible speaks of an eagerness to do certain things. According to the following passages, what are these things?

- Pro. 31: 13
- I Cor. 14: 12
- Titus 2: 14
- I Pet. 5: 2

4. What are you eager to do at Wade?

### **CONCLUDING THE WEEK: Looking back on Attitude**

In Scripture we are called to have an attitude toward God in what He has done for us, who He is now to us, and what He has in store for us. The ministry at Wade is made meaningful in relationship to Him and His purposes and our attitude toward it is to be derived from that perspective. I hope that you are in anticipation of seeing God at work. I hope that you remember how Christ approached His great mission - with utter humility, expecting to see God, His Father, at work. Pray for wisdom and guidance as you embark on this adventure. Pray that you would submit to God's purposes, not your own.

## Sixth Week: Name

### **FIRST DAY: Called by His Name - Belonging**

1. Read II Chronicles 7: 14 and Jeremiah 15: 16. Who is called by the name of the Lord?
2. Read Ephesians 3: 14-15. What family is being spoken of here? What name do they bear? What are the implications of bearing another's name?
3. Read Revelation 3:12. Who will overcome? What will happen to him or her?
4. We are given a sense of belonging by the Lord. Read the following verses: Leviticus 25: 55; Romans 1: 6; Romans 14: 7-8 and I Peter 2: 9. What does it mean to belong to someone?

### **SECOND DAY: Go in the Name - Representing**

1. Deuteronomy 18: 5 speaks of the service of the Levites. They are said to minister in the name of the Lord. What does this mean?
2. Read Mt. 28: 16-20. As Jesus leaves the eleven disciples on earth, He tells them to go in His name. What are they told to do in His name? What promise does He give them?
3. Read Acts 4: 13-22. What were Peter and John doing in His name? What happened to them because of it? Why didn't they stop?
4. Read the command given in Colossians 3: 17. What is it? Why do you think this is commanded?
5. Read II Corinthians 5: 14-21. Paul explains his ministry. What is it? What is his motivation for it? What does he call himself?

6. As we serve at Wade, we serve in the name of the Lord. Everything we do, we are to do unto Him. Pray that we would bring glory and honor to His Name.

**THIRD DAY: What's in the Name - Revealing**

1. Read John 8: 54-59. What did Jesus say that made the Jews so mad? What was He revealing about Himself? (You may wish also to look up Exodus 3; 13-15).
2. In the book of John, Jesus assigns to Himself seven descriptions begun "I am". Read the following verses and indicate in each case the description and what it reveals about Him:
  - John 6: 35
  - John 8: 12
  - John 9: 5
  - John 10: 7,9
  - John 10: 11,14
  - John 11: 25
  - John 14: 6
  - John 15; 1,5
3. Read Matthew 1: 21. Why was Jesus named by that name?
4. Read Philippians 2: 9-11. Why did God exalt Christ and give Him a name above every name? What action does that name demand?
5. As we go out in His Name, we must realize that His name is full of meaning. We bear His name. Pray for the responsibility we have.

#### **FOURTH DAY: Worth in His name - Glorifying**

1. Read the following verses from the Psalms. In each case, indicate what is due the name of the Lord.

- Psalm 34: 3
- Psalm 66:2-4
- Psalm 68:4
- Psalm 79:9
- Psalm 96: 8-9
- Psalm 103: 1
- Psalm 115: 1
- Psalm 145: 1

2. In the following verse, what adjectives are used to describe the Lord's Name:

- Isaiah 12: 4
- Isaiah 57: 15
- Isaiah 63: 14
- Micah 5: 4
- Matthew 6: 9

3. In what ways can we exalt His name through our service at Wade?

#### **FIFTH DAY: Strength in His Name - Protecting**

1. What does Proverbs 18:10 call the name of the Lord? What people have access?

2. Read Psalm 18: 1-3. What does the psalmist call the Lord? Why? In what ways has your experience been similar to his?
3. Read Psalm 91. How does the psalmist picture God? What is the condition of the psalmist as long as he calls on the Lord? Does verse 10 promise absolute protection? Explain. What does verse 14 say is the reason the psalmist will be protected?
4. In Scripture, the “name” equals the person since it expresses his nature and qualities. List the attributes of God that cause you to feel protected.

#### **SIXTH DAY: Salvation in His name - Giving Life**

1. Read Joel 2: 32 and Daniel 12: 1. Who will be saved?
2. Read Acts 4: 12. In what way is the gospel exclusive?
3. Read I John 3; 21-24 and I John 5: 13. What is his command? How do you know if you have eternal life?
4. What does Acts 10: 43 say is received through His name?
5. Read John 3: 16-18. What are the consequences for the one who does not believe in the name of Jesus?

#### **SEVENTH DAY: Power in the Name - Asking**

1. Read Matthew 18: 19-20. What promise does Jesus make to those who come together in His Name?

2. Read John 14: 13 and 16: 24. It is obvious that the name of Jesus is not some magic incantation to be used to obtain something we want. What are these passages saying?
3. Read Hebrews 7: 23-8: 2. Why do we offer prayers in the name of Jesus? Where is our High Priest?
4. Read Romans 8: 26. What is the function of the Spirit with regard to prayer?
5. Read Ephesians 3: 12, 20-21 and Hebrews 4: 16. In His Name we can approach the throne of grace. How do these verses describe the manner in which we approach this throne? What right do we have to make this kind of approach?

### **CONCLUDING THE WEEK: Looking back at the Name**

When Paul was converted, Ananias was told by the Lord that Paul was His chosen instrument to carry His name before the Gentiles and that Paul would be shown how much he must suffer for the name. Proclaiming the name is a privilege and responsibility. We have an identity in Christ and He identifies with His church. We are said to live in Him and He in us. We must remember that because we bear His name, He is the one who helps us. We are His children and He will not give us a stone when we ask for bread. We have a responsibility to live and pray according to His Word. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being His and pray that we would exalt His name together.

# Seventh Week: Teamwork

## **FIRST DAY: The Teamwork of Trinity**

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-12. Notice the mention of Trinity in these verses. Reread these verses and write out below what is said about the work of each person of the Trinity:

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

2. Now read the following verses and again record what is said about the work of the person(s) of the Godhead mentioned in each:

- John 3: 16
- I Corinthians 15: 19-21
- Romans 8: 15-16

3. In the verses above, we see that the three persons of the Godhead cooperate in a task. What task is that?
4. What task has God given the church which requires cooperation? Why is cooperation important?

## **SECOND DAY: Jesus and His teams**

1. Jesus understood teamwork. He gathered around Him a team of twelve disciples, then out of those twelve, he had an inner circle of three. Read Luke 5: 1-11; 27-31 and Luke 6: 12-16. What kind of men were these disciples? How and for what reason did Jesus choose them?
2. We see His inner circle at the Transfiguration (Luke 9: 28-36) and in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 4: 32-42). Read this later passage. What did Jesus want these three to do? Do you see yourself in these disciples?
3. Jesus often taught His team, sometimes rebuked or admonished them, always prayed for them, and challenged them. You too, are being taught, prayed for and challenged. Read John 17:6-19 and Acts 1:1-8. What did Jesus pray for His team? Before He ascended, what challenge did He make them? How well did they do?
4. Why was teamwork important to Jesus? Can you think of instances in which He built the idea of team rather than individuals?
5. Of what importance is Jesus' attitude and example of team to our team serving at Wade?

### **THIRD DAY: Lessons from the Vine**

1. Read John 15:1-17. In this image, Christ is the vine; the disciples (and we) are the branches. What relationship do the branches have to the vine? What relationship do the branches have to each other? What relationship would the branches have to each other apart from the vine?

2. What lesson does this image teach us about unity?
  
3. What command does Jesus give in verse 12? How do you think this command is connected to the image of the vine?
  
4. Notice verse 16. How does this verse relate to our service at Wade? How do you think this task is related to the vine image and the command given in verse 12?
  
5. What does this passage suggest about teamwork?

**FOURTH DAY: Lessons from Paul and the Churches**

1. Read Romans 16. In this epistle, as in many of Paul's others, we catch a glimpse of the church (in this case, at Rome) through the personal greetings Paul sends. What kinds of attitude and acts does he commend? What kinds of acts or good deeds are apparent from what he said? What warning is given in verse 17?
  
2. Read I Corinthians 1: 10-17. Now we see a church in trouble. What is Paul's admonishment to them? What is at stake?
  
3. Read I Corinthians 3: 1-9. Paul continues to address the problems in the church at Corinth. Why does Paul call them worldly? How does he suggest they view the servants of God who labored among them?

4. How can you apply some of the lessons Paul teaches on teamwork to our service at Wade?

### **FIFTH DAY: Belonging to Each Other**

1. Read Romans 12. List the number of times and ways Paul says to think about yourself in appropriate ways. What difference does this action make in relationship to others?
2. What do you think verse 5 means when it says “each member belongs to all others.” What meaning would this have for our team?
3. Reread verses 1-2. Why do you think the concept of sacrifice precedes the admonition of sober judgment? Why does Paul call this sacrifice worship? What do you think worship has to do with our service at Wade?
4. Which spiritual gifts are mentioned in verses 6-8? Can you identify your gift from among these verses? Why are all gifts important?

### **SIXTH DAY: Life in the Body**

1. Read I Corinthians 12: 12-26. What do you think the main teaching of this passage is?
2. In what does the unity of the body consist? How can the body be one, yet made up of many parts?
3. What is the responsibility of one part to the other parts? What is the responsibility of each part toward itself?

4. Find out how you can pray for other members of your team at Wade. Agree to pray for each other.

### **SEVENTH DAY: The Greatest Gift**

1. Look up the following verses about love and answer the questions:
  - Romans 13: 8-10. Why is love called a debt? What relationship does love have to the law?
  - Romans 15: 1-7. Why should we bear with the failings of the weak? What is the basis of our acceptance of others?
  - Ephesians 4: 15-16. How is the whole body built up in love?
  - I Thessalonians 4: 9-10. How have we been taught by God to love each other? According to verse 10, what measure of love is acceptable?
  - Hebrews 10: 24-25. What are we to consider? Do you spend time thinking about this?
  - I John 3: 16-18. How do we know what love is? How are we to love each other?
2. Now read I Corinthians 13: 4-8 aloud. Pray for this kind of love for each other.

**CONCLUDING THE WEEK: Looking back on Teamwork**

As we serve, we serve as more than a diverse group of individuals; we serve as the body of Christ. How we relate to one another matters. We have never all been together united in a common goal, but now by God's providence we are. His spirit unites us and strengthens us. It is only as we depend on Him that we can love one another. The second table of the Law teaches us to love one another. Christ called us to that task. Paul exhorts us. The command would not have been repeated so often if it were easy to do. We must be reminded to love each other, to work together, to build each other up.

Familiarize yourself with the names of your team members. Pray for each other. Look forward to how each of us will be used to strengthen and build up each other.