

# Study Guide for January 10, 2010

Monday – Read **Exodus 18** in the Old Testament. This week we are going to look at places in scripture where God uses people to give guidance to others. Sometimes that guidance comes unsolicited, like in today's story. How ready are you to give or receive guidance when it's unsolicited? How do the factors from the message yesterday apply to unsolicited advice?

Tuesday – Read **2 Samuel 12:1-13** in the Old Testament. Sometimes God uses others to help us see the ugly truth in ourselves. God's guidance can come from others in the way of course correction. This kind of guidance is meant to help us see that our life is off-course and help us get back on the path through repentance. Has this happened to you? Are you ready to hear God's correction from someone else, or ready to share it when needed to someone else?

Wednesday – Read **1 Samuel 3:1-10** in the Old Testament. Sometimes God uses others to help us hear what we are supposed to hear from God. Samuel didn't know who was calling him. He needed Eli to help him hear what God wanted to say. Sometimes God will use someone else to help us identify something God wants us to accomplish. What friends do you have who can do that for you? Are you ready to do that for someone else?

Thursday – Read **I Corinthians 12**. For whatever reason, seeking wisdom from others does not seem as spiritual as seeking it from scripture. This passage confirms for us that the Holy Spirit is very much at work in other people in ways that will affect or benefit us. Take a few minutes and identify as many people as you can that God has placed around you that you would go to for wisdom.

Friday – Read **John 4**. Sometimes God uses others to share good news with us. In this story, the one sinful woman introduces her entire village to the good news of Jesus. Who are your spiritual guides? Who are the people you can go to when you need spiritual direction, when you need to be brought nearer to Jesus? Who do you think is looking to you for that purpose?