

# Study Guide

**For the Week of May 3, 2009**

*This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at [www.spwired.com](http://www.spwired.com).*

**Monday**—You may want to reread the Golden Rule found in **Matthew 7:12**. Mark talked about the golden rule in two aspects. The first is restraint, because sometimes it's about not doing some things. For some ideas about what kinds of things God would have us refrain from doing, read any or all of the following passages: **Ephesians 4:25-32; Galatians 5:16-21; Colossians 3:8-10**. What kinds of things do you need to ask God to help you not do?

**Tuesday**— The second aspect of the Golden Rule is proactively putting love into action. John Wesley said to “do all the good you can...” This is action motivated by love, by God’s love for us. Read any or all of the following passages to get an idea what this love in action might look like: **Ephesians 4:25-5:2; I Corinthians 13:1-7; Galatians 5:22-25; Romans 12:9-21**. How are you going to better put love into action in your life?

**Wednesday**—Staying with the love in action theme, read the following passages: **Philippians 2:1-11, 14; I John 3:16-18**. What do these passages reveal about your life?

**Thursday**— Read **Luke 6:27-38** and **I John 47-21**.

**Friday**—Memorize **Matthew 7:12**. As you review your life this week, in which relationships are you struggling to live out the Golden Rule? In which relationships are you most fully living it out? What has God accomplished through your effort to be more purposeful about living out the Golden Rule? How has it changed your home, workplace, school? How has it changed the way you see others?

## Prayer Concerns

### **Serving in Iraq:**

Cyle Haywood  
Ryan Grindstaff

### **Military:**

Jesse Smith  
Nathan Lawellin  
Matthew Peak  
Stephen Leadbetter  
Richard Hurst  
James Lesmeister  
Jon Arnold  
Jason Lewis  
Joshua Walker

### **Health & Healing:**

Fay Rocca  
Jr. & Carrol Skelton  
Susie Hicks  
Sandra Bemis  
Norma Custard  
Maryann Farni

### **Cancer Treatment:**

Sonja Davidson  
Mary Soriano  
Tony Allen  
Joyce Pace  
Linda Cook  
Nancy Wilkins

### **Other Concerns:**

Meredith Yenzer  
Jared, Keira, Cael Yenzer  
Freddie & Jim McGee  
Patrick & Bobbie Hamilton & Family  
Edna & Ervin Dill  
Shawnda Purdy  
Carol Daum  
Rose Hymer  
Mario & Wenonah Soriano  
Alex Soriano  
Stephen Parker