



# Digging Deeper

[Use these readings to prepare you for worship next week!]

**Monday:** 10.08.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our church

**Passage:** Matthew 17:24-27

**Insight:** Read this story a few times to let it sink in. Who was demanding money? Why did they want it? How did Jesus view their demand? What do you think was confirmed or shaken loose in Peter's mind as he lived through this episode?

**Tuesday:** 10.09.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our Student Ministry (7-12)

**Passage:** Mark 12:41

**Insight:** "Jesus sat...and watched". Imagine the Messiah people watching! What kind of observations would he make regarding *your* use of resources?

**Wednesday:** 10.10.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Intercession (use the iPray Guide)

**Passage:** John 5:1-13

**Insight:** This story is a study in the conflict between our wants, needs, demands, expectations and God's design for revealing his Kingdom. Would you allow your view (wants, needs, demands, expectations) of resources to be altered so that God's work is revealed in you?

**Thursday:** 10.11.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Your School (teachers, admin, etc)

**Passage:** Matthew 5:21-30

**Insight:** This Sunday, October 14, Pastor Terry will be sharing our next message in our Hurdles series by looking at "secret sins." In our passage today, we can see that Jesus dealing with particular sins of murder and adultery. But a closer look reveals that He is shifting our attention from outward actions to inward attitudes.

What do you learn from these examples in terms of the sins we keep hidden within? How do we often justify our attitudes?

**Friday:** 10.12.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our Children's Ministry (baby - 6th gr)

**Passage:** Psalm 19:12-14

**Insight:** David here makes a distinction between hidden sins (ones that even we are unaware of) and willful sins (decisions we make). Then he ends this song with a desire that his thoughts and meditations be focused on the Almighty and be pleasing to Him.

How can our thoughts and meditations be properly focused on the Lord? How can this help us in our battle against hidden sins in our life?



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