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Adult Sunday School every Sun. at 9 a.m.

Children's Sunday School during Morning Message

Tuesday April 14—Leadership TEAM

Meet at 5:30 p.m. Fellowship building

April 18—Women in the Word

Meet at 10 a.m. Fellowship building

We will be covering chapters 3 in the study guide.

April 25, Men's Bible Study

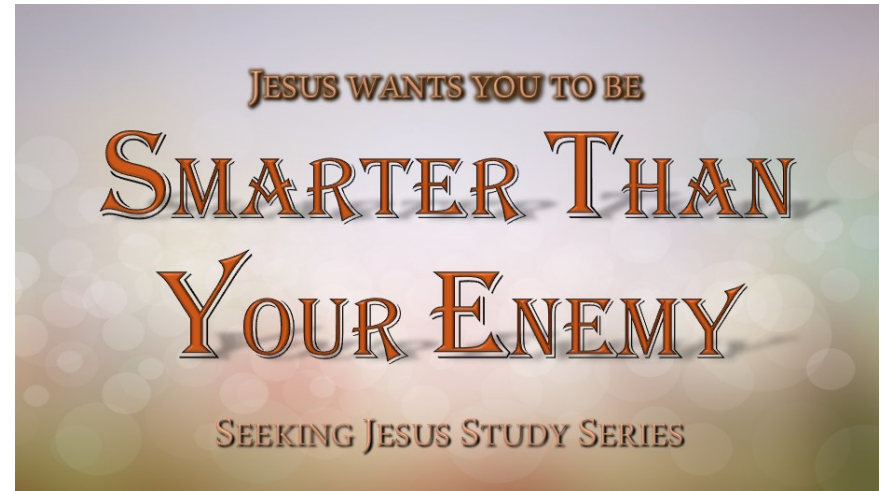
Meet at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

May 23, Ladies Spring TEA



MAY 25, Bingo and Taco Bar

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Building



5 RULES

1. Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture
2. Easy Interprets the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Nothing Out Of \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_
5. Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture

THINGS CHANGE

- ◆ Jesus is sending his disciples out two by two for the first time to heal, preach, and fight demons.
- ◆ Mark 6.8-9 He instructed them to \_\_\_\_\_ but a staff for the journey—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— and to wear sandals, but not a second tunic.
- ◆ Jesus is giving final instructions to them at the Last Supper before he is betrayed, tried, and crucified...
- ◆ Luke 22.36 “ \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,” He told them, “the one with a purse should take it, and likewise a bag; and the one without a \_\_\_\_\_ should sell his cloak and buy one.



## POSITIONAL AWARENESS

- ◆ Matthew 10.16 Behold, I am sending you out like \_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_ ; therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.
  1. Sheep are nonaggressive animals, while wolves are violent and bloodthirsty sheep killers.
    - ⇒ The believer is reminded of the \_\_\_\_\_ between themselves and those who have not accepted the Messiah, Jesus. Being aware should influence how you approach the world.
  2. Shrewd implies wisdom and understanding of how your adversary works and thinks. Being \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - ⇒ Snakes is a reference to Genesis 3.1 Now the \_\_\_\_\_ (or snake) was \_\_\_\_\_ than any beast of the field that the LORD God had made.
    - ⇒ The devil is a **created being** who had a special **punishment created just for him** and his \_\_\_\_\_ . See Matthew 25.41
  3. Innocent means the believer's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are not sinful. Innocent comes from a word that means unmixed or to not include evil in your conduct, and to always maintain a clear conscience.

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### Journal 2 Week TWO

## Smarter Than Your Enemy

Chronological Bible Date OCT. 8

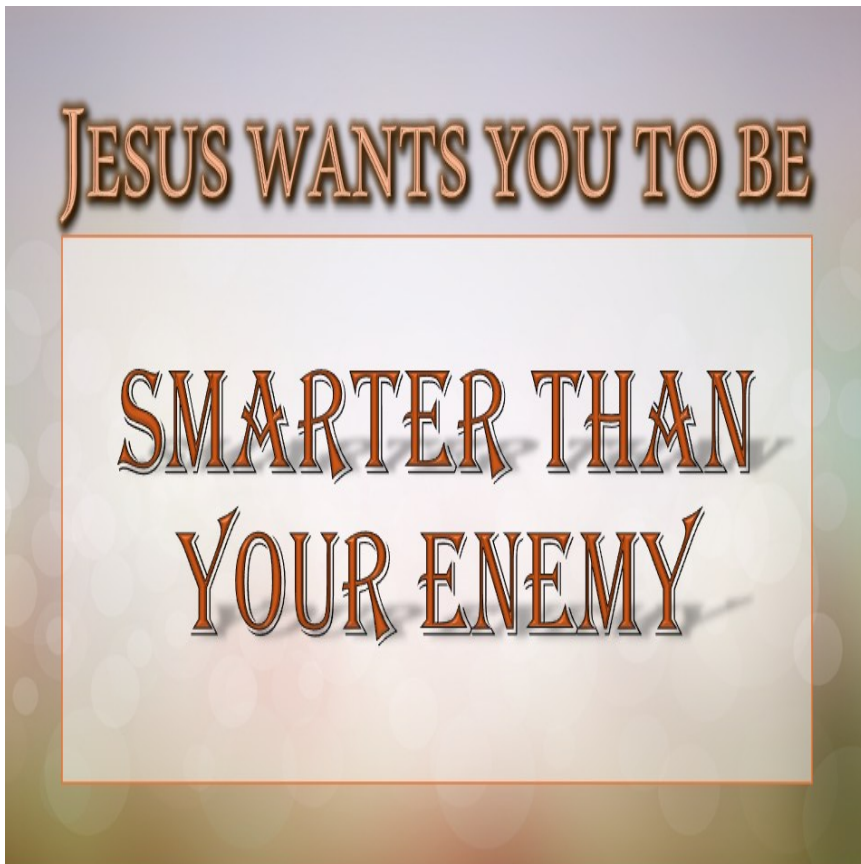
What to watch for this week.

These are included to help get you started with your devotional each day.

1. **(Sun)** This week, watch for the ways Jesus talks about spiritual conflict.
2. **(Mon)** Watch for the different reasons people suffer. How is the way Jesus deals with them similar? How do different people respond when they see his miracles?
3. **(Tue)** Watch for the information that is available about Jesus' earthly family. Why do people in his hometown have so much trouble believing him?
4. **(Wed)** Watch for how Jesus responds to the needs of the masses. What was his plan for reaching them with the kingdom message?
5. **(Thu)** Watch how Jesus trains his disciples. (Note: these instructions will change later in his ministry) What do you see as the key to their success?
6. **(Fri)** Watch for how Jesus prepares his followers for the coming problems and persecution. Why is this an important part of his strategy in training them?
7. **(Sat)** Watch for the bold statements Jesus makes about conflict and choices. How does his statement about peace and a sword run contrary to the way he is usually portrayed?

# HOW TO BE SMARTER THAN YOUR ENEMY

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus will not bring you \_\_\_\_\_ with the world. You must recognize this if you want to be a winner.
2. You must be cunning and wise \_\_\_\_\_ . Your relationship with Jesus will make you a target.
3. No matter how the enemy \_\_\_\_\_ to take advantage of you, be ready to turn the tables and make him back off and leave you alone.



## SHREWD & INNOCENT

- ◆ You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.' **BUT I TELL YOU NOT TO RESIST AN** \_\_\_\_\_ . If someone slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also; if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well; and if someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. Matthew 5:38-42



- ◆ **If someone slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also;**
- ◆ This was about both \_\_\_\_\_ the assaulting individual and \_\_\_\_\_ them from doing it again by forcing the person to use their other hand, which was not permitted due to social standards of the time.
- ◆ Instead of the 'eye for an eye' starting a war, Jesus teaches us to force the other person to back down.

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- ◆ if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well;
- ◆ Once again, Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ the person is to submit to the injustice. Instead, He is again saying to make the matter about them by making them the bad guys in this situation.
- ◆ If they have taken your tunic and cloak, then the person is has reduced you to standing there naked. Instead of an eye for an eye or I will sue you back, it becomes public \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

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- ◆ if someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.
- ◆ Roman law said a Roman soldier could \_\_\_\_\_ a non-Roman to carry his pack for one mile. Further than that was a crime.
- ◆ Again, Jesus is teaching a lesson about \_\_\_\_\_ the other person into a situation they do not want to be in. This could be life-threatening for a Roman soldier.

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- ◆ Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.
- ◆ If this were \_\_\_\_\_ applied, we Christians would all be broke and would be the doormats of every bum, vagrant, homeless, and evil individual on the planet.
- ◆ Give the person who asks for \_\_\_\_\_ a job to \_\_\_\_\_ the money and see what happens. Offer a loan with interest and \_\_\_\_\_ of repayment forcing them to withdraw their request. This is in keeping with what Paul wrote to the church. 2 Thessalonians 3.10

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