



### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Leviticus 11:44-45;  
Proverbs 14:32, Ruth 3:11; Romans 5;  
Genesis 37, 39; 1 John 2:28 - 1 John 3:10

#### DAY 1

##### Read Leviticus 11:44-45

From the earliest of times it has been obvious that God calls us into a life of "holiness."

- **What does it mean to be holy?**
- **As you read through the stories of Scripture, what are some examples you have found where God's people fall short of God's request?**
- **Is it possible to live a life of holiness? What's the difference between *holiness* and *perfection*?**

#### DAY 2

##### Read Proverbs 14:32, Ruth 3:11

In the Proverb, it describes the opposite of good character. The story of Ruth is an example of a woman of great character.

- **What are the traits of someone who lacks in character? What traits of character did Ruth possess?**

- **If God calls us to choose to abide in good character, why is it we fall short so often?**
- **Think of a time when your character fell short of God's desire for you.**

## **DAY 3**

### **Read [Romans 5](#)**

Romans 5 is rich in its description of character. The character of God displayed through the flesh of Jesus is amazing.

- **As you read, what stands out to you?**
- **What sets Jesus' character apart?**
- **In what ways is "righteousness" related to character?**

## **DAY 4**

### **Read [Genesis 37, 39](#)**

Joseph's story has many themes and one that we want to focus on is his commitment to character.

- **What made Joseph such a man of character?**
- **What type of character did his brothers portray?**
- **How did Joseph rely upon God's help and commitment during his difficult moments? What did God do? What did Joseph do?**
- **When confronted with the temptation of Potiphar's wife, what did Joseph rely on? Why didn't he 'give in' versus maintaining his character?**

Think of a time when you were challenged by temptation; perhaps it was an opportunity for you to take a short cut or to cross the line. What did you do?

- **If you fell into the temptation or even the sin, what happened? What would you do differently? How will you rely on God in the future?**

## **DAY 5**

**Read 1 John 2:28 - 1 John 3:10**

- **The Apostle John was an eyewitness to the life of Jesus. What do you think he learned about being a child of God while walking next to God in flesh (Jesus)?**

Parents often say, "that's my son/daughter. You can tell by the... color of their eyes, they have my chin, they are sassy like their mother..." Those are the earthly characteristics that denote our children.

- **What are the characteristics of being a "child of God"?**

**Take time this week to reflect on your worth in God. Remember what Pastor Bob says, "You are royalty; you are the sons and daughters of a King!" How will you begin living that kind of life today? Pray and ask God to guide you.**

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