



God doesn't always use who you might expect



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 6 – *Does God Play Favorites?*

RECAP

God made a _____ with Abraham that He would make Abraham into a great _____.

A _____ that would _____ all the earth through his _____.

GENERAL NOTES

_____ and _____ were no stranger to _____ and his brothers.

_____ Marriage (Deuteronomy 25:5-10)

For those who _____ themselves will be _____, and those who _____ themselves will be _____.

LUKE 18:14, NIV

Time and time again, _____ successfully _____ others to _____.

Everyone always talks about _____.

Nobody ever talks about _____.

BOTTOM LINE

The life of _____ is marked by _____.

TAKEAWAYS

1. _____ your _____ before it _____ you.
2. The extent of _____ does not _____ the extent of _____.
3. God is especially _____ of the _____.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Does God play favorites?
2. How do you wrestle with God killing the sons for their wickedness?
3. Would you have counted the woman righteous by her actions?
4. Do you think he was trustworthy or simply remarkable in the art of persuasion?
5. How would you describe being confronted by your sin verses confronting it yourself?
6. Have you ever felt broken beyond hope? If so, then how has this message influenced that feeling?
7. Read Revelation 5. How does this passage connect to today's message?
8. Do you believe that you are more likely or unlikely to be used by God?
9. What are your thoughts on the following quote?

"Do you know why Satan is so angry all the time? Because whenever he works a particularly clever bit of mischief, God uses it to serve his own righteous purposes." "So God uses wicked people as his tools?"

"God gives us the freedom to do great evil, if we choose. Then he uses his own freedom to create goodness out of that evil, for that is what he chooses." "So in the long run, God always wins?"

"Yes. In the short run, though, it can be uncomfortable."

O.S. Card, *Ender's Shadow*