

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God decides what is right.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

As you read in Amos, consider how God measures justice, righteousness and a life lived according to His will. Then read Romans 8 and consider the victory available to believers who live new lives through the Holy Spirit.

Amos 1:1-2

Amos 2:6-3:8

Amos 5:18-24

Amos 7:7-17

Romans Chapter 8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 8:1-17

What are the results of being in Christ?

What does it mean to be in the Spirit?

How does the Spirit communicate with us?

How do you, by the Spirit, put to death the misdeeds of your body?

What misdeeds does the Spirit want to put to death in your body?

Romans 8:18-27

Why does Paul bring up the subject of suffering?

Why do we work so hard to avoid suffering?

What is the Spirit working to accomplish in your life through the suffering you are currently experiencing?

Romans 8:28-39

What are you afraid will separate you from the love of Christ?

How would being a victor rather than a victim change our life?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His love expressed in Jesus.

Agree with God about the misdeeds you need to put to death.

Thank God for providing His Spirit who gives you power.

Ask God to open your heart to hear His Spirit.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ DEUTERONOMY 24:10-15

How should we treat others?

Borrow something from your neighbor, but be sure to return it before they go to bed!

READ DEUTERONOMY 24:19-22

What happens to others when we keep everything we have?

What happens to us when we keep everything we have?

Find something you have more than one of and give one of them away.

READ AMOS 4:1

What animal name do we call someone who is greedy and self-centered?

What sound does that animal make?

Who can make that sound the best?

At home, be sure to make that sound when you see a family member being greedy.

READ AMOS 5:21-24

If we don't love people, can we really love God?

Name one person you need to love better.

READ AMOS 8:4-7

How have you cheated someone else?

Add water to all your drinks today.

READ AMOS 7:7-8

What is a plumb line?

How can you measure how well you are using what you have for God and for others?

Make a plumb line and experiment to see what is plumb and what is not.

MEMORY VERSE:

Then _____ said to his _____,

“If _____ would _____ after me,

he must deny himself and take up his _____ and _____ me.

For _____ wants to _____ his life will _____ it,

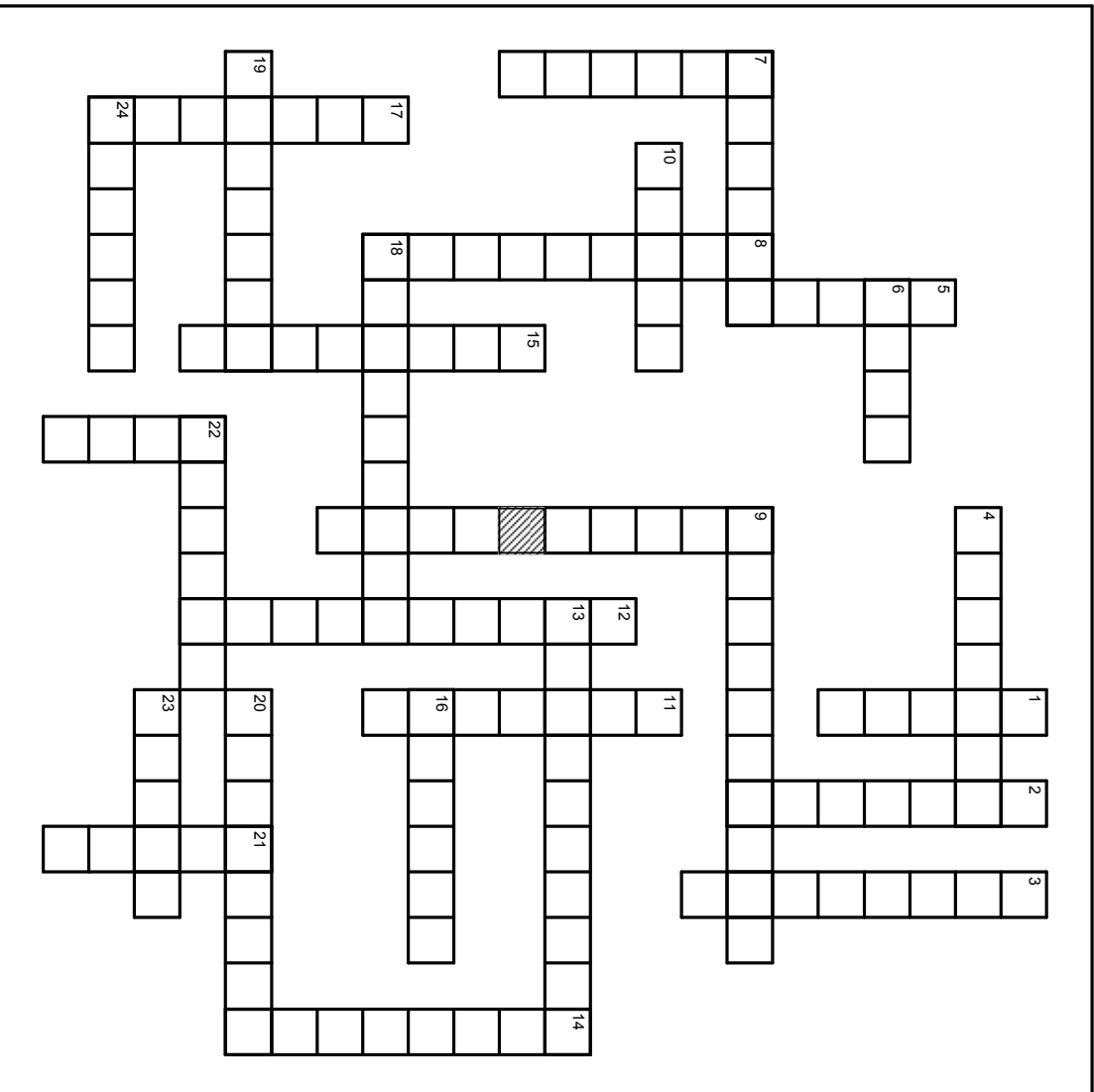
but _____ loses his _____ for me will _____ it.”

Matthew 16:24-25

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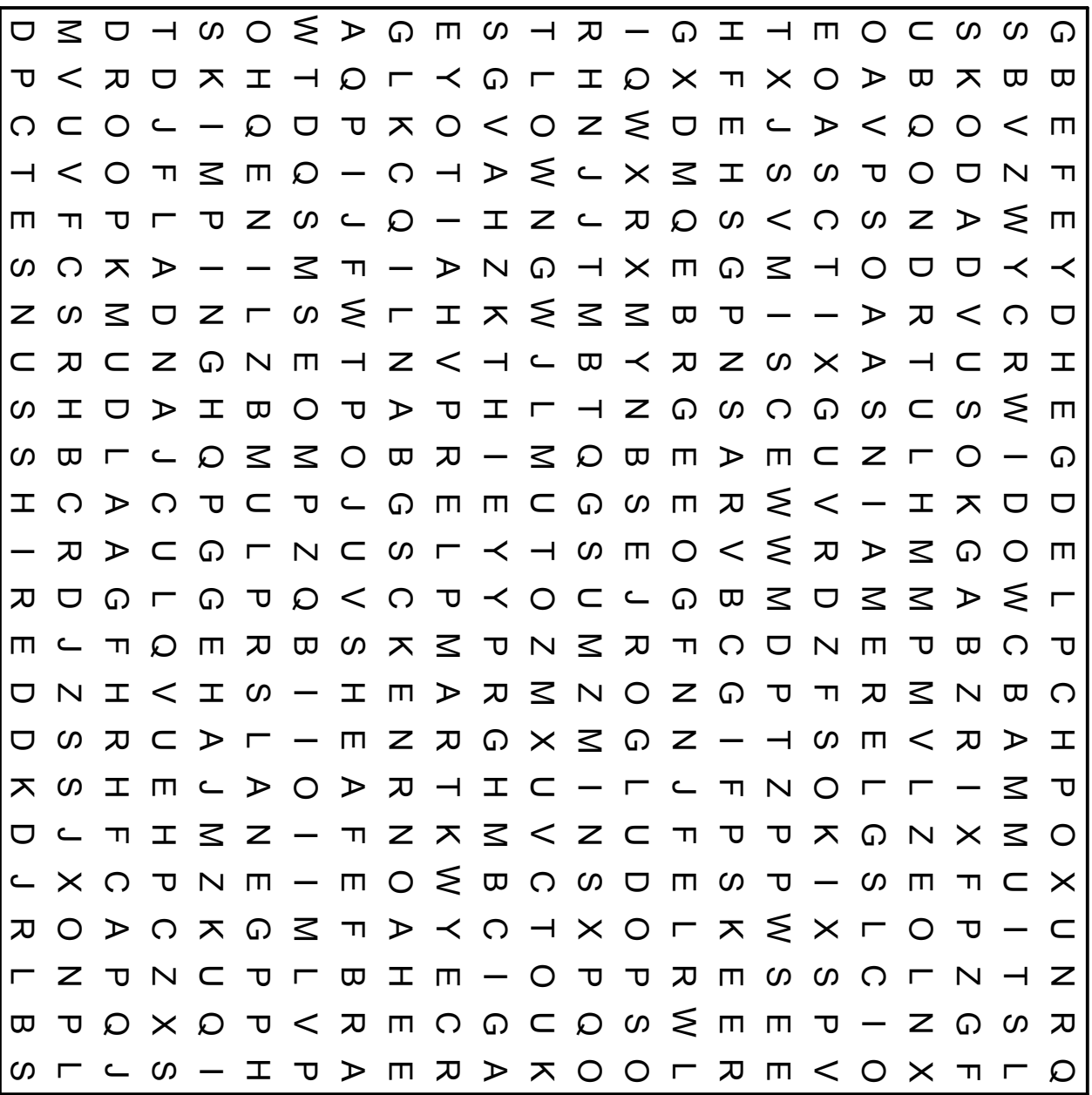
Across

4. treating others in a God-like way (Amos 5:24)
6. a temporary giving of \$ (Deuteronomy 24:10)
7. give back (Deuteronomy 24:13)
9. something in your hands (Deuteronomy 24:12)
10. money that is earned (Deuteronomy 24:15)
13. gatherings (Amos 5:21)
16. a way to measure things (Amos 8:5)
18. leftover parts from the floor (Amos 8:7)
19. step on (Amos 8:4)
20. raising (Amos 8:5)
22. guarantee (Deuteronomy 24:10)
23. working for money (Deuteronomy 24:14)
24. the end of the day (Deuteronomy 24:15)

Down

1. woman without a husband to provide for her (Deuteronomy 24:20)
2. what is left (Deuteronomy 24:21)
3. miss (Deuteronomy 24:19)
5. person from another county (Deuteronomy 24:14)
7. good feelings (Amos 5:22)
8. God-like (Deuteronomy 24:13)
9. string with a weight used to show a straight line (Amos 7:7)
11. another word for hate (Amos 5:21)
12. picking ripe crops (Deuteronomy 24:19)
14. using less than the normal amount (Amos 8:5)
15. don't forget (Deuteronomy 24:22)
17. take advantage of (Amos 4:1)
21. tied bundle of grain (Deuteronomy 24:19)
22. doesn't have much (Deuteronomy 24:12)

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| loan | pledge | poor | possession | return | righteous |
| hired | alien | wages | sunset | harvesting | overlook |
| sheaf | widow | remains | remember | oppress | despise |
| assemblies | regard | justice | trample | skimping | boosting |
| scales | sweepings | plumb line | | | |

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