

Weekly Study Guide

The week of March 2 2014

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 12:2-5	Tuesday	Jeremiah 2:13	Wednesday	John 7:37-39
Thursday	John 4:9-15	Friday	Revelation 22:1-5	Saturday	Matthew 10:40-42

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Because He died: Guilt to Forgiveness*

Why did he die? Was Jesus a tragic hero? A martyr? Was execution by crucifixion really necessary?

One of the most remarkable and hard-to-understand parts of Jesus' life is his death. Next week is the start of a new series called *Why Did He Die?* For the next six weeks we will learn about the different reasons for Jesus' death, and the many ways his death gives us life.

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Group Discussion

Connect	Have you ever had a chance to drink water from a natural spring? Where? What was that experience like?
Learn	<p>Clean water is an important thing to find in Haiti. Tainted water creates disease. Not enough water leads to dehydration. Finding and having enough clean water can be a large part of a days work for some in Haiti.</p> <p>Some collect rain water in cisterns. Some live near a well where they can walk for clean water. And some are blessed to live near a water source. Our Partner village in Haiti is called "Source Matelas" which means water source. In that village, a spring brings fresh water into the stream that flows through town.</p> <p>Jesus said that his presence in us by the Holy Spirit is like a fresh flowing river.</p> <p>Read John 7:37-39. How do we come to Jesus to drink? How does the Holy Spirit create that 'flow' in our hearts?</p> <p>In the book of Jeremiah, God is grieving over his people who have turned away from him. Read Jeremiah 2:13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you think the Lord means by this?• How do we rely on "leaky cisterns" instead of the living water?• What problems can happen with cisterns? <p>Read Isaiah 12:2-5. What has created for us the "wells of salvation?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When you hear about things happening at Mission of Hope, how does it lead you to praise the Lord 'among the nations?' <p>Read Matthew 10:40-42. As we have been filled with Living Water from the source of Jesus' death and resurrection for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, how might we offer a 'cup of cold water' to others?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do others come to find the source of living water for themselves either here in the United States or in Haiti?
Apply	There are many ways to get involved with what God is doing through Mission of Hope. You can sponsor a school child, go on a trip, send help with the food ministry, volunteer at Feed My Starving Children (who sends food there), or purchase coffee or items from the Three Cords Ministry to support those efforts. And of course, you can pray!
Pray	<p>Please pray today for Mission of Hope and all the ministries they have started and sustained to empower the people of Haiti to live into all that God has planned for them!</p> <p>Pray also that we would keep going back to the source of Living Water for our lives as well.</p>