

Weekly Study Guide

The week of August 10, 2014

Daily Readings

Monday	<p>Read Isaiah 49:5-6.</p> <p>Do you think Isaiah was surprised to hear God speak this message to him? What hints has God given in the past to show that this was his plan for humankind since the very beginning? Where do we see hints in the stories of Abraham, Moses, and Elijah?</p>
Tuesday	<p>Read Luke 2:25-32.</p> <p>When Jesus is born, Mary and Joseph take him to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. In that time, a man named Simeon speaks some pretty profound words about Jesus. How is Jesus a light for revelation to the Gentiles AND the glory of God's people Israel?</p>
Wednesday	<p>Read John 3:16-17.</p> <p>Jesus is talking to a man who is a member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish ruling council, in this conversation. Nicodemus would have been taught very clearly about the Hebrew people being the one the Messiah came to redeem. What do Jesus' words here reveal about the Heart of God, his Father?</p>
Thursday	<p>Read Isaiah 52:13-15.</p> <p>How has Jesus been the fulfillment of these verses?</p>
Friday	<p>Read Isaiah 53:1-12.</p> <p>How has Jesus been the fulfillment of these verses?</p> <p>Knowing that these prophecies were made hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, what does that tell you about God's desire for us to know his long range plan for eternity?</p>
Saturday	<p>Read Acts 10:27-44.</p> <p>What does this story tell us about how God's plan has been unfolding since the days of the exile? What does it tell us about life in our world today, and how do we experience exile from God in our own ways? What is the calling of Jesus' people today?</p>

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