

# Weekly Study Guide

The week of August 31, 2014

## Daily Readings

Monday	Read Isaiah 66:1-2. In the last chapter of Isaiah, God speaks through the prophet to show Israel the kind of relationship he has always wanted to have with them. God has always wanted to dwell with his people and be in close relationship with them where they “tremble at his word,” or know and trust him as their King. How does knowing the King of the Universe wants to be in relationship with you, cause you to “tremble?” Spend some time asking for Jesus’ presence in your life and for him to give you a heart that would be responsive to his word.
Tuesday	Read Isaiah 6:1-8. In God’s original call to Isaiah, we see a picture of what happens when we encounter God for who he is. What is Isaiah’s response when he encounters God? How does knowing God not only wants to be with you, but work through you cause you to tremble? Spend some time praising God for who he is and thanking him for wanting to work through you.
Wednesday	Read Luke 5:1-11. In Peter’s first encounter with Jesus, you could say he trembles when he sees Jesus’ power. He can’t believe that Jesus would want him to be part of what he is doing and asks Jesus to leave him alone. How do you relate to Peter’s fear or disbelief that Jesus would want you to be part of his mission? What insecurities come up for you when you hear Jesus’ call to cast your net on the other side of the boat? Spend some time confessing and bringing your fears and insecurities to Jesus.
Thursday	Read Matthew 14:22-32. How does Peter take a step of faith when he gets out of the boat to follow Jesus onto the water? How have you grown in your faith as you’ve taken steps out of your comfort zone to follow Jesus in new ways? When we step out in faith, why is it normal for us to “tremble?” What happens when Peter begins to sink? What does Jesus do? Spend some time praying and asking Jesus to help you keep your eyes on him as he leads you into new steps of faith.
Friday	Read Luke 9:28-36. In this passage, Jesus is revealing to his closest disciples who he really is. All of the law and the prophets point to him. When the disciples see the glory of Jesus, they fall face down. What does God say to them? What ministers to you about God’s message to the disciples? When the disciples get up, they can “only see Jesus.” How does God want you to grow in listening to Jesus’ voice rather than other voices in your life?
Saturday	Read Isaiah 58. How does Isaiah 58 give us a picture of what it means to follow God’s way rather than our own way? What would the world be like if everyone lived this way? What inspires you? Convicts you? Ask God’s Spirit to give you a hunger and thirst for his kingdom to come and will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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