

# Weekly Study Guide

The week of March 1, 2015

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## Daily Readings

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Monday	Colossians 1:21-29	Tuesday	Galatians 2:20	Wednesday	Philippians 2:12-13, 3:10
Thursday	Romans 8: 18-27	Friday	Hebrews 9:16-28	Saturday	John 8:1-11

*My notes on this week's readings...*

## Next Week in Worship

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**Next week's message:** *Life in Christ*

**Next week's readings:** Colossians 2:1-11

Jesus came to be our Rescue, but we are not just rescued FROM the kingdom of darkness, we are also rescued FOR something—to live as members and citizens of the kingdom of God's son, our King! What does it mean to be rescued FOR that vision? What do we leave behind when we live for this vision?

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# Group Discussion

Connect	Have you ever experienced a “homecoming” moment, either for yourself or in receiving a loved one back ‘home’? What made that experience impactful for you?
Learn	<p>Read Colossians 1:21. How do people become enemies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What causes ‘alienation’ between people?</li><li>•Why do you think ‘evil behavior’ would cause us to be alienated from God?</li></ul> <p>Read Colossians 1:22-23. In Jesus’ physical death and resurrection for us, we are given a clean slate, a new beginning. Read Hebrews 9:16-28. What does this say to you about why Jesus physically died and rose to bring us into a ‘new deal’ (new covenant)?</p> <p>Read Colossians 1: 22-24 and then read John 8: 1-11. The woman in this text is guilty under the law (she’s not the ONLY one guilty however—an important point!). Although her behavior alienates her from the will of God for her, Jesus shows us that God’s will is not for her continued alienation, but for her homecoming... to enter back into a right relationship with him.</p> <p>What does Jesus say to this woman at the end of the story? How does that connect with Colossians 1:23?</p> <p>In Jesus’ physical death and resurrection we have a new start, body and soul, but we are saved not just from something but for something! Although Jesus never was physically attacked with stones, the Apostle Paul was!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What does this say to you when you read Colossians 1:24?</li><li>•How is Jesus glorified in the things we suffer today for his sake?</li></ul> <p>In Colossians 1:25-28 what does Paul call “The hope of Glory?” What does he mean by this?</p>
Apply	Think about your life this week. In what ways does your life bear witness to the fact that your true home is not of this kingdom, but in the Kingdom of the Son? How do you use your time, your resources, your talents, and your connections? What can you do to help others know they have an eternal home, which they can discover even today?
Pray	Pray for those who have no physical home and for those to whom home is a scary place. Pray they may find hope and healing, both now, and in the promise of the home Jesus has created for them in his love.