

Weekly Study Guide

The week of April 26, 2015

Daily Readings

Monday	Ephesians 5:1-2	Tuesday	Deuteronomy 10:12-13	Wednesday	Psalms 78:1-7
Thursday	Mark 6:7 Luke 10:1	Friday	John 21: 4-17	Saturday	Isaiah 58: 6-8

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Into the Neighborhood*

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When we walk with God in our lives, it doesn't take long before we realize that we are called not only to walk with him ourselves, but also to invite others to know him for themselves too! This can be a daunting task, with many hurdles that exist in our modern world. Next week, we will learn where to start as we begin to wonder what God has in store for the people of our own neighborhoods.

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Group Discussion

Connect

God created us for community! In your lifetime, you have, no doubt, been part of many different communities through clubs, employment, schools, or hobbies. Is there a time in your life that one specific community seemed to shape you the most? Share about that community, and how it helped form you.

Learn

We were created for community. In Genesis 2:18, we hear the first “not good” in the creation—it is not good for the man to be alone! It isn’t until Eve, the second human being, is created that the ‘not good’ is resolved. Up until this point, God had been with Adam, so technically, he was not alone. That relationship with God was deeply important, but it is not all that is needed. From the beginning, God created us to need one another in order to live the life he created us to live!

Read 1 John 4:7-12. If you were to define ‘love’, how would you define it?

- Can a person love if they are not connected to any other people?
- Why is community important in living out this calling?

Read Mark 6:7 and Luke 10:1. In these passages, when Jesus sends out his disciples to ministry, he does so in a certain way. Why do you think Jesus did this?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. What does this tell us about how God calls us into community?

Read John 21:1-17. What do you feel Jesus is teaching his disciples about walking with him, and with each other in this experience?

- What do you feel Jesus is teaching Peter about walking with Jesus, from this point forward?
- In love for Jesus today, how do we feed his lambs, take care of his sheep, and feed his sheep?

Apply

Who in your life is walking alongside you? Say thank you to them this week!

Who in your life are you choosing to walk alongside? This week ask them how you can pray for them!

Pray

Pray this week for the person or people you are walking alongside in faith. If you don’t have someone like this in your life, pray that God will show you who needs a friend to walk alongside them as they grow.