

Weekly Study Guide

The week of May 31, 2015

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Calling All Disciples*

Next week's readings: John 1:35-2:12

Jesus, the light of the world, has begun his ministry in John 1, but God didn't create us to live and work alone. Jesus' ministry shows us this, as soon God sends others to walk alongside him, to learn from him and to grow. We also are called to walk alongside Jesus in our own context. How have you felt the call of Jesus in your life?

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Daily Readings

Monday	<p>Read Exodus 29:42-46. Why do you think God chose to have the people construct a 'tent of meeting' to bring with them on their travels, which was to be the place offerings were to be made? What did this communicate to the people? What are the promises God gives in this passage? What does this tell us about what God wants us to know about him?</p>
Tuesday	<p>Read John 1:1-13. "The Word" was what God used to bring Creation into being! Why do you think John (the Gospel writer) wants us to know that Jesus is "The Word?" How does that set the scene for the stories we will be reading later about Jesus' miracles, actions, and choices? Jesus is also "The Light." What does that mean for your life?</p>
Wednesday	<p>Read John 1:14-18. In verse 14, "The Word," who spoke creation into being, made a choice. What does verse 18 tell us about why this choice was made? What was God's intention in sending the Word to become flesh and dwell among us? How has Jesus made God known to you?</p>
Thursday	<p>Read John 1:19-28. John the Baptist was a very important prophet and teacher. Long after he had been beheaded, people were still talking about John. John was a pretty flashy, attention-getting guy! It's easy to understand why people might have thought he was the one to watch—but it's the job of an announcer to get people's attention so they don't miss what is right in front of them. Why do you think the Gospel writer spent so many verses on the Baptist's witness? What does this teach us?</p>
Friday	<p>Read John 1:29-34. The way that lambs were used to remove sin was through their ritual sacrifice. But the lambs were not "of God"—they were of humans! People sacrificed lambs from their own flocks in order to show sorrow for their sin and to humble themselves before God. Jesus is "The Lamb" who comes from God; who God sends to be sacrificed for us. In Jesus, God is the one who chooses to make right, on our behalf, what has gone wrong between us. What does this tell us about God's love?</p>
Saturday	<p>Read Revelation 21:1-5. From the very beginning of Scripture, in the book of Genesis, we see God walking with Adam and Eve in the Garden. In the Exile we see the tent of meeting God sent among the people. Jesus is the word who came to dwell with the people. After the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was sent to live in and among the people, to draw us back into relationship with God. What does this picture in Revelation show us about the final victory of God's plan? What does it tell us about what God wants most?</p>