

Weekly Study Guide

The week of June 7, 2015

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Beyond Our Expectations*

Next week's readings: John 2:13–John 3:36

These verses from John are filled with people trying to make sense of Jesus. Who is he? What is he about? Whose side is he on? What they consistently find is that Jesus defies their categories and draws them into something completely unexpected. What do you 'expect' to find in Jesus? What do you see when you stop looking at what you assume about him and look instead to him?

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Daily Readings

Monday

Review John 1:19-28.

Did John meet people's expectations?

Pray: God, how might my expectations of you need to be reshaped?

Tuesday

Review John 1:29-34.

"Lamb of God" can mean a sacrifice for sin or also a Passover lamb that leads to freedom.

Pray: God, set me free from sin, save me from its guilt and power.

Wednesday

Read John 1:35-42.

Jesus invited Andrew and his friend to "come and see."

Pray: God, are you inviting me to try a step of faith? Give me the courage to follow you.

Thursday

Read John 1:43-46.

Now Philip invites Nathanael to "come and see."

In prayer today, thank God for the people who have helped you know Jesus. Ask God if there's anyone for you to invite.

Friday

Read John 1:47-51.

Jesus' answer in verse 51 echoes an Old Testament passage (Genesis 28:10-17), calling himself the presence of God.

Pray: God help me know you in the person of Jesus.

Saturday

Read John 2:1-12.

Pray: Jesus, help me be like Mary and have confidence to do whatever you say (verse 5).