

Weekly Study Guide

The week of July 12, 2015

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Until We All Can See*

Next week's readings: John 9

This week we see Jesus healing a man born blind, and we watch as this man walks through a journey of discovering just who it is who has healed him, and comes to faith, and to a bold and powerful witness both of Jesus' power and Jesus' love.

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Daily Readings

Monday	<p>John 7:1-14 • God's Timing</p> <p>Jesus' brothers tell him that if he really wants to be famous, he'll make a show of his arriving at the festival. They tell him to arrange his timing to benefit his 'career' as a prophet. Jesus tells them, and us, he is waiting on God's timing. Jesus knows that God's timing is the best. Have you ever made the choice to wait on God's timing for something?</p>
Tuesday	<p>John 7:14-36 • On Whose Authority?</p> <p>When Jesus does speak at the festival, unlike the teachers, he doesn't quote other Rabbis to show what school of thought he 'belongs' to. Instead, he quotes God his Father! How many times, in these verses, does Jesus refer to "the one who sent" him? What do Jesus' words here tell us about who God is, and who Jesus is?</p>
Wednesday	<p>John 7: 37-39 (and John 4:23-26) • The Source of Living Water</p> <p>This same message was given to the worshipping crowds in the holy Jewish temple, who were remembering God's provision of water in the wilderness, and to a scorned woman all alone at a well in Samaria. What does this tell us about the new thing God is doing in Jesus for all people?</p>
Thursday	<p>John 7:45-53 • He is Speaking, Will We Listen?</p> <p>Nicodemus enters back into the story here. Clearly, Jesus' encounter with him in John 3 has made him think, and he is considering how God may be at work. His companions in the Sanhedrin, however, seem not to be willing to consider what they're hearing. What makes people unwilling to consider what Jesus says? What was Nicodemus hoping to see?</p>
Friday	<p>John 8:12, 20 • Jesus, the Light of the World</p> <p>In the festival of the Tabernacle, God was celebrated as the true source of light for his people, as they remembered how he had led them by a pillar of fire by night. For Jesus to claim these words about himself was a bold statement. People would either believe, or want to get rid of him! How do Jesus' words here speak to the new thing God is doing?</p>
Saturday	<p>John 8:31-36 • The Gift of a Permanent (Forever) Home</p> <p>This festival was sometimes called "booths" because people constructed little tents to live in to remember when they had lived in tents after being rescued from slavery until God led them home. Here Jesus shows them that as the Son, he has the power to deliver us from slavery and give us a permanent home with him. How is Jesus the fulfillment of this festival?</p>