

Study Guide for the Week of March 23, 2008

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Sermon manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.

Monday, March 24 – Aaron ended his message with God’s view of you. Take some time to read some of these scriptures for yourself this week. There are quite a few of them but they’re very short. **Read John 15:15, Romans 5:1, 1 Corinthians 6:17, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 1:18, Ephesians 1:5, Colossians 1:4** . What do these passages tell you about God’s acceptance of you?

Tuesday, March 25 – **Read Romans 8:1-2, Romans 8:28, Romans 8:35-39, Philippians 1:4, Philippians 3:20, 2 Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 4:16, John 5:18**. What do these passages tell you about your security in Jesus?

Wednesday, March 26 – **Read Matthew 5:13-14, John 15:15-16, Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 3:16, 2 Corinthians 6:1, Ephesians 2:10, Ephesians 3:12, Philippians 4:13**. What do these passages tell you about your significance in God’s eyes?

Thursday, March 27 – **Read John 1:12**. This passage summarizes how we allow God to define our identity. We believe and accept. We **believe** that Jesus was born, lived, died and was resurrected from the grave. We believe that he is the substitution for our sin. We **accept** God’s grace and mercy, light and life. What does this mean for you? Have you looked at these two facets of faith? What have you done with them?

Friday, March 28 – **Read Ephesians 3:16-19**. That word for “understand” or “grasp” is the Greek word is *katalambano*. And the word literally means to capture, not just understand head knowledge, but to really capture it. The word actually comes from the root word of “rust,” to eat all the way through. You see what Paul is saying here? “My prayer is that you would let the high, wide, deep love of God eat all the way through you. That you would really grasp what it means to be loved with an unfailing love, that you would really, really know that.” How does this fill the God-shaped place in our hearts? How has your identity been stolen; robbed by relationships? How does letting Jesus make his home in your heart allow you to truly love others?