

## Study Guide for the Week of April 13, 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](http://www.spwired.com).*

**Monday, April 14** – We're going to start this week reading a passage that has been important to this series of messages. **Read Ephesians 3:17-18.** How does this passage speak to your true identity? What does it say about God? About God's love? What does this passage imply about you? Let this word from God eat all the way into your bones...

**Tuesday, April 15** – We all have junk, sin, in our lives. It's toxic, especially if we let it sit in our souls. Today's passages are about the importance of confessing our sins, getting them out in the open, getting honest about them. **Read Psalm 28:13, Psalm 32:3-5, and Psalm 51.** What recurring themes do you see in these passages? What do they say are some of the results of us confessing? What's your personal experience of un-confessed sin? **Read 1 John 1:9.** What is this passage teaching us? How can you apply it to your life? Right now?

**Wednesday, April 16** – Today's readings will be about forgiveness. Just as confession is important, so is the joy of experiencing God's forgiveness. **Read Isaiah 43:25, Isaiah 44:22, and Psalm 103:12.** From these passages, what can you tell about God's desire to forgive us? What's the result for God? For us? **Read Hebrews 10:17 and Romans 8:1-2.** What do these New Testament passages add to what the Old Testament passages say? What do they say about God?

**Thursday, April 17** – Today, just one verse. Try memorizing it. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.** What does this mean by new creation? Is the thought of being a new creation attractive to you? What might keep you from claiming this truth as your own and applying it to your life? What would it look like for you to live as a new creation?

**Friday, April 18** – Today we look at practical passages about how we live lives of long term change. **Read Romans 12:2.** Write this passage into your own words. Why is this concept so very, very important? Aaron referred to this passage regarding the importance of re-wallpapering our minds. Why's this so important? **Read Colossians 2:6-7 and Colossians 3:16-17.** What practical things do these passages point to that might help us with long-term change? How might these practical things help us to know, claim, and live into our true identities? **Read John 1:12.** Who does this say you are?