

# Study Guide

## For the Week of August 30, 2009

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! Message manuscripts are available at [www.spwired.com](http://www.spwired.com).

**Monday—Read Isaiah 6:1-9 in the Old Testament.** This was a central passage in the message yesterday. Has there been a time when you felt God was calling you (nudging you, inspiring you, inviting you) to do something but you felt as if sin was a barrier? The point of sin for Isaiah was his mouth. What would the point of sin be for you? The image in this passage is that an angel purified Isaiah's mouth and he experienced forgiveness. What was his response to God's next calling for him? Knowing that through Jesus you are forgiven and free, how does that affect your ability to respond like Isaiah?

**Tuesday—Read Exodus 4:1-12 in the Old Testament.** Moses felt inadequate to do what God wanted him to do. What is your reaction to how Moses interacted with God? What does that say about Moses? About God? What does it tell you that God called a man who felt so inadequate? How is Moses' story similar to your own? What areas in your life do you feel inadequate about? How might those areas become your strengths?

**Wednesday—Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13 in the Old Testament.** What is the main point of this story? How do you think other people see you? How does God see you? What strengths might God see in you that no one else does? How do you live in to those strengths?

**Thursday—Read Acts 4:1-23 in the New Testament.** The apostles were very ordinary men—some would say, less than ordinary men—yet through them, great things were done. What does this passage tell you about what God can do through a willing, yet “unqualified”, person? What prepared them and strengthened them was that they had been with Jesus. How did that make them different? How might being with Jesus (in prayer, in scripture, in a personal way in your heart) affect how you face life?

**Friday—Read John 9:1-11 in the New Testament.** Notice in this story the way Jesus chose to heal the man's blindness—dirt and spit. Jesus uses the most ordinary things to do extraordinary things. Take time to pray now, and regularly, asking God to give you ears to hear and eyes to see how he might be calling you. Know that God can use us, as ordinary as we may be, to do great things. Remember Isaiah's words and make them your own, “Here I am, send me.”

## Prayer Concerns

### Serving in Iraq:

Cyle Haywood  
Ryan Grindstaff  
Deric Croan  
Summer Garner

### Military:

Jesse Smith  
Nathan Lawellin  
Matthew Peak  
Stephen Leadbetter  
Richard Hurst  
James Lesmeister  
Jon Arnold  
Jason Lewis  
Joshua Walker

Chris Palmer

Jeff Foust

### Health & Healing:

Rick Hoagland  
Hannah Helms  
Melody Cundiff  
Gavon Strather  
Maryann Palmer  
Elma Teel

### Cancer Treatment:

Sonja Davidson  
Tony Allen  
Joyce Pace

### Other Concerns:

Shelton Bartley

The Roland Family

Christopher

Redmon

Kathleen Cupp

Joel Fulton

Mario, Miguel and Alex Soriano