

Study Guide

For the Week of December 14, 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! Message manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.

Monday—Read **Luke 13:31-34** in the New Testament. How does this passage reflect the compassion of Jesus? What might his compassion look like toward you?

Tuesday— Read **John 11:1-45** in the New Testament. What does this passage speak to you about Jesus' care? How might that same care be directed toward you? How might you direct that care toward others? Reread the scriptures from the Study Guide. How do they speak to you about the characteristics of God? Do you see God in these ways, or some other way? What has shaped your view of God?

Wednesday—Today we begin to read the scriptures surrounding Jesus' birth. Read **Luke 1:1-25** in the New Testament. The birth of John the Baptist is an important part of the story of Jesus' birth. John was Jesus' cousin and would later pave the way for Jesus' ministry. What does this passage speak to you?

Thursday— Read **Luke 1:26-38** in the New Testament. What is Mary's response to God's plan? What does verse 37 mean to Mary? To you?

Friday—Read **Luke 1:39-56** in the New Testament. What is Elizabeth's response to Mary's arrival. What is the response of her unborn baby? What does Mary's song of praise (verses 46-55) say about who Jesus will be? Was her song accurate?

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Curtis Phillips
Cyle Haywood (non-military)

Military:

Jesse Smith
Nathan Lawellin
Matthew Peak
Stephen Leadbetter
Richard Hurst
James Lesimeister
Jon Arnold
Jason Lewis

Health & Healing:

Jeff Maxwell
Jr. & Carrol Skelton

Mary Chapman

Katrina Feller
Anna Jean Dye
Carl Bentley
Brooke Osborne

Cancer Treatment:

Sonja Davidson
Tracy Bowman
Gisela Goodwin
Andrew Orłowski

Grieving:

Glenna & Macy Smith at the
death of David Smith

Other Concerns:

Terry Hoagland
Edna & Ervin Dill
Patrick & Bobbie Hamilton &
Family

Ron & Leah Lewis
Sharon Pittman
Sharon Divine
Dan Stewart
Jamie Hembree
Luke & Andrea Fields
Mildred Fagen
Sharon Barsby
Corrine Purdy
Kassandra Hamilton
Bob Hicks
Jeremy & Ginger Whatley
Austin Lewis