

# Study Guide

*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 John 16:33** in the New Testament. This passage is an important tool. Knowing that we will have trouble, but that Jesus overcomes that trouble, is a source of great comfort. Take the time to memorize this passage so that it is easily accessible in your mind as you and those you love face difficulty.

**Tuesday—Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7** in the New Testament. Paul wrote these words to encourage people that were suffering. He is letting them know that God has not abandoned them, but is very much with them! Furthermore, the comfort that God is giving them will help them to comfort others. What tragedy or suffering have you gone through in life? How did it affect you? Are you better able to console others that are going through similar suffering? Ask God to help you bless someone else because of the suffering you have gone through.

**Wednesday—Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11** in the New Testament. Paul continues the passage from yesterday expressing that he was suffering to the point that he thought he was going to die. Notice the effect this had on him. Instead of turning from God because of his suffering, it caused him to turn toward God as his only source of hope. This is very important because each of us will face suffering. Christians are not immune to suffering, but we are given the strength to get through it. We have to be prepared for tragedy **before** it comes. Spend time in prayer asking to help you to be ready for the difficult times in life.

**Thursday—Read Romans 5:1-5** in the New Testament. Once again we see that being a Christian does not mean that we will be free from suffering. What does this passage say that suffering will bring? Have you seen this happen in your life or the life of someone else?

**Friday—Read Revelation 21:1-5** in the New Testament. This passage from the last book of the Bible gives us ultimate hope. While we will have times of suffering in this life and in this world, we are people who live within the promise that this life and this world is not all there is. God will bring all suffering to an end. Reread this passage. How does it offer you hope in the face of suffering? Be prepared to share your hope with those who might need it now more than ever.

## ***Prayer Concerns***

### **Serving in the military:**

We honor those serving in the military by placing their names on the Military Board in the east hallway after listing new names here for one week. Please check that board regularly.

### **Health & Healing**

Dee Barnes  
Charolette Bowzer  
Chris Ailes  
Candy Speer

### **Grieving:**

The family of **Gloria Evans**

### **Cancer Treatment:**

Tom Feltenberger  
Rose Hymer  
Easton Murdock  
Joey Walker

### **Other Concerns:**

Makiah Newman  
Lesmeister Families  
Ron & Bonnie Curtis  
203rd came home safely