

Weekly Study Guide

The Week of November 11, 2012

Daily Readings

Monday	II Timothy 3:14-17	Tuesday	Matthew 7:24-29	Wednesday	Romans 10:9-15
Thursday	Hebrews 4:12	Friday	James 1	Saturday	John 20:30-31

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Saints and Sinners*

Next week's readings: Romans 6:1-14 and John 6:47-51

Join us next week as we continue our *Trailmarkers* series focused on signs from our Reformation heritage that keep us on the path of Christ today. This week, we are focusing on how our identity as simultaneously saint and sinner helps us to depend on Christ daily for the new life God calls us toward.



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Group Discussion

Connect	<p>Are you the kind of person that likes to follow directions or do you like to figure it out for yourself? Why? How do you think your personality impacts your relationship with the Bible?</p>
Learn	<p>Read a few passages in the gospel of John together. John 1:9-14, John 3:16-21, John 5:39-40, and John 20:30-31 with this question in mind: how do these passages speak to the significance and purpose of God's Word? Discuss after each passage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If someone at work or in your family asked you, "what is the purpose of the Bible?" how would these Scriptures help you talk with that friend? <p>Read Romans 10:9-15. In Romans, we find why Paul finds it so significant to share God's Word with others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do people come to faith in Christ?• How does this passage help us understand the significance of hearing and sharing God's Word as individuals and as church family?• How does knowing the purpose of the Word provide a trail-marker that keeps us on the path of Christ? <p>Read II Timothy 3:14-17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is the idea that all Scripture is "God breathed" significant to you?• What are the four main purposes of Scripture that this passage gives for our lives as Christians? <p>Why do we need to be "trained" and "rebuked" by Scripture? What is the outcome of being trained by Scripture (v. 17)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the difference between being trained by God through Scripture and by His Spirit and trying harder to be a better Christian?• Do you have any stories of God "rebuking" or "training" you in a specific area of your life?• Do you have an area of your life right now where you are seeking God's guidance?
Apply	<p>When you think about your relationship with God through Scripture, how do you tend to go off the path of Christ? It could help to think about which extreme you tend to gravitate towards: being unaware of what God wants for your life or unresponsive to what God wants for your life? What step of faith is God leading you to live more under His Word?</p>
Pray	<p>Spend some time praying for each other in the ways that God is leading you all to grow. Also, pray for our church family that we would be a people that hears from God and follows Him into the plans He has for us step by step. Pray for God's work in our church so that we would know more of God's presence and more people would come to know Him.</p>