

Weekly Study Guide

The Week of September 1, 2013

Daily Readings

Monday	<p>Read Acts 1:8, and Acts 2:1-4</p> <p>On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit's power to the church. How do you invite the Holy Spirit's power in your life? At what points do you realize you need the power of the Holy Spirit in your life to help you grow in faith?</p>
Tuesday	<p>Read Acts 4:19-20, Acts 7:54-60</p> <p>When Stephen became the first Christian martyr, stoned for his faith in Jesus, the Lord gave him a vision of Jesus' glory just before he died. Even in the excruciating choice to stand for Jesus, God gave him courage by showing him that the Gospel he was giving his life for was indeed the truth— and an eternal one. What gives you courage to live your faith?</p>
Wednesday	<p>Read Acts 9:1-5, Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17</p> <p>Paul originally wanted to persecute Christians, because he didn't believe Jesus truly is the Son of God. Through a vision of Jesus, and an experience of God's power, Paul came to be one of the greatest evangelists in history. Paul's story reminds us, we are not saved because we have been perfect people, but because we have a perfect Savior. Embrace the grace today.</p>
Thursday	<p>Read Acts 2:42-48, and Galatians 3:27-28</p> <p>When people came to know Jesus, they came to understand that when they were adopted into the family of Christ, they also became family to each other. The way they lived as a church family was radical, and beautiful. How can you grow in showing that kind of love—being a brother or sister in Christ to someone in your church family today?</p>
Friday	<p>Read Acts 17: 16, 22-25 and 1 Thessalonians 1:8b-10</p> <p>In this passage, Paul found himself in a city filled with idols that people were worshipping. Since he knew the One True God, he used the culture's altar to an Unknown God to be able to address for them the God that he knew. What things do you see in our culture today that shows you that people are looking for God? What idols do people often worship instead?</p>
Saturday	<p>Acts 28:31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!</p> <p>This text reads like a Eulogy for Paul's life. What do you want to be known for in the world? What legacy will you leave behind?</p>



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