

Weekly Study Guide

The week of February 2, 2014

Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 1:26-31	Tuesday	Isaiah 61:1-3	Wednesday	Luke 4:14-21
Thursday	Matthew 1:18-24	Friday	Joel 2:28-32	Saturday	Acts 2:1-24

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Jesus teaches his followers to "love one another," but we can get pretty mixed up on what love really means. Next week is the start of a new series called *Love Like Crazy*. Join us for this series to learn what the Bible teaches about the love of Jesus that can and will change the world.

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Group Discussion

Connect	Have you had any funny or recurring dreams that you could share with your group?
Learn	<p>Read Genesis 1:26-31. The Bible says that God created human beings in his “image” to rule over the earth (and under God!). It is our calling to reflect God in and for the sake of God’s world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you had nothing but this passage to go on, what would it tell you about what it means to be made in God’s image?• Of course it can no longer be said that everything in the world is “very good.” Humans have failed to lead the world in the way of God. As you look around the world, are there particular failures to reflect God that break your heart more than others? <p>God put the dream of salvation in the hearts of his prophets, and Jesus claimed these dreams as his calling. Read Luke 4:14-21 and Isaiah 61:1-2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you think of how Jesus fulfilled this description - or what do you think it might look like to do so?• What sides of Jesus do you think you might need to pay more attention to, if we are called to reflect God as followers of Jesus? <p>Read Matthew 1:18-24. Joseph was a righteous Jew who knew the law and the prophets. He knew God’s dream of a Savior. And now God showed him a new piece of the picture. Joseph’s dream and Joseph’s role are not the same as ours, but God still puts his dream in all of us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What specific hopes or dreams do you think God might be putting on your heart, for your role as a follower of Jesus?• How do you hope our church family could reflect God to the world? (If you or someone in your group wants to, send your thoughts or answers to Vision2020@flcwb.org.)
Apply	Do you have any next steps to take toward the dreams God is dreaming in you? How will you respond?
Pray	Please continue to pray for God to make our church family to be a faithful reflection of Him for His world and that God would lead us into the dreams He has for us.