



Week Two: When You Feel Forgotten – Study Guide

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Every one of us is unworthy of God's love. He created us in His image, and then we messed it up with sin, selfishness, laziness, and more. However, if you are in Christ, God delights in you. He actually loves and likes you—far more than you can imagine. If you're having a hard time believing that, you're probably in the majority of people. However, your reluctance or unwillingness to believe it doesn't make it any less true. How different could your life be if you really believed it?

Where Am I Today?

- 1) If you were to rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 of how pleased God is with you, how would you rate yourself? A 1 means "He is completely disappointed with me" and a 10 means "He is completely pleased with me."

Into the Bible

- 2) Imagine you didn't know anything about the birth of Jesus. Now imagine you're a young teenage girl named Mary, who is minding her own business. Then, read **Luke 1:26-29**. If you were Mary, what kind of thoughts would you have? What would your response be to what Gabriel said?

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Prayer Focus

- Continue to pray for the people that made the decision to make Jesus the leader of their lives and for those who followed Him in baptism over the last several weeks at The Cove.
- Pray also for Christmas at The Cove and the opportunity we have to share the love of Jesus with local families and others around the world as we give locally, globally and eternally together.

Continue Learning on Your Own

- 7) When you look at Gabriel's announcements to Zechariah and Mary, you'll notice some similarities and some differences. They were approached by the same angel, who told them some miraculous news. Good news for both of them involved a child. From there things get very different.

One of the big differences is the response to their questions. They both had a difficult time understanding and believing their good news, so both asked questions. However, Zechariah was rebuked and struck mute, while Mary got a patient (although incomplete) explanation. Why did Zechariah get into trouble for his question and Mary didn't?