

Memorize & Ponder

Jan 3, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – John 1:18

(Full Reading – John 1:1-18)

Week of Dec 27, 2015 – Jan 3, 2016

Fed to be Different

John 1:18 (NRSV)

No one has ever seen God.
It is God the only Son,
who is close to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.
(John 1:18)

*Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of 'Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.' Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – www.brentwoodpc.ca.*

Ponderings for Daily Theologians

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)

This Week's Word for Daily Theologians = Heart

So, John says,
if you want to know who God is, look at Jesus.

If you want to know what it is like
to live as a reconciled, restored, revived human being,
listen to and be curious about Jesus.

If you want to know how God wants humans to live,
pay attention to the ways that Jesus
serves, teaches, attracts, and nourishes
the people in the communities he visits,
and especially how he works with
his closest friends and colleagues.

When the Bible uses the word 'heart,'
the writers are usually pointing to
the core part of human beings
where God is known and accepted in faith.
I'd call it the 'soul.'

It's where instinct, emotions, and instincts
come together to make sense of reality.

For Jesus, that sense of meaning focused on God
and on his power to provoke in us love and good works
so the whole of creation can flourish.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week