

Memorize & Ponder

Dec 27, 2015

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 2:46-47

(Full Reading – Luke 2:41-52)

Week of Dec 20-27, 2015

The Gift of Curiosity

Luke 2:46-47 (NRSV)

After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting among the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.
And all who heard him were amazed
at his understanding and his answers.
(Luke 2:46-47)

*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 = Curiosity

As we have learned from Paul this past year,
the Christian life centres on a gift.
It is the gift of living in Christ.
It is the gift of participating in and sharing
the flourishing or *SHALOM*
with which God has blessed the world in Christ.

We Christians look to Jesus of Nazareth, God's Christ,
as a model for what this looks like in real life.
And so these Gospel stories
hold rich and inspiring meaning for us.
I'm fascinated, and hope you will be too,
by the stories that the gospel writers
choose to include in their particular versions
of the work and witness of Jesus Christ.

Curiosity plays a central role in Luke's account.
And it begins with Jesus himself.

Luke records that Jesus was in conversation
with the greatest Jewish teachers of his age
early on in his maturation in the faith.
He listens, questions, and responds in community.

What a great model for coming to maturity in our faith.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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