

Memorize & Ponder

Jan 17, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – 2 Kings 5:15a

(Full Reading – 2 Kings 5:1-15a)

Week of Jan 10-17, 2016

Love Out of Bounds

The Rev Dr Pat Dutcher-Walls preaching

2 Kings 5:15a (NRSV)

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel;

*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 coming Sat, Jan 16, from 9AM-Noon, we will be gathering with fellow Presbyterians from the five congregations in Burnaby and New West to explore a controversial topic in the field of human sexuality, the place of LGBTQ people (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans-sexual, queer) within the church of Jesus Christ.

This conversation has been requested by our national governing body, the General Assembly. The concerns and insights generated by our conversations will be reported to the national committee dealing with the responses to a number of overtures at the last meeting of our General Assembly in 2015 asking that LGBT people be granted full rights and privileges as members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Our consultation next Sat will be facilitated by Pat Dutcher-Walls, an Old Testament professor at Vancouver School of Theology and has been a thoughtful resource person in guiding our church through this process. Pat will be preaching at Brentwood next week on this topic.

A number of documents related to this can be found online at <http://presbyterian.ca/sexuality>.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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