

Memorize & Ponder

Feb 28, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 13:5

(Full Reading – Luke 13:1-9)

Week of Feb 21 - 28, 2016

Repent amidst Fear and Division

Luke 13:5 (NRSV)

“No, I tell you;
but unless you repent,
you will all perish just as they did.”

*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)

A Word for Daily Theologians = Repent

In the New Testament,
‘repent’ (*metanoia*)
is a divinely-initiated change of soul
that turns us to the salvation of flourishing (SHALOM).

In the prophetic witness
that Jesus draws on so frequently and powerfully,
the idea of repentance pointed to an ‘about-face.’
Real repentance involves a new relationship with God
that embraces all spheres of life.

It comes in grateful response
to God’s reconciling love in Jesus Christ
made real for us in the work of the Holy Spirit.

So, in this Lenten time of self-searching,
what kind of ‘about-face’ in your life
will help you follow Jesus more faithfully
in this fearful and divided world?

What will you turn to?
What kind of support will provoke you to do that?

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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