

## Memorize & Ponder

Feb 7, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 9:35

(Full Reading – Luke 9:28-36)

Week of Jan 31 – Feb 7, 2016

### Listening to Jesus

#### Luke 9:35 (NRSV)

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
“This is my Son, my Chosen,  
listen to him!”

*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](http://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 = Listen

Jazz great Duke Ellington once said,  
“God gave us two ears and one mouth.  
There was a reason for that!”

Good jazz relies on listening carefully to one another.  
Good living requires the same.  
Good Christian living requires  
that we listen first and foremost to the voice of Jesus  
guided by the Creator’s Holy Spirit.

When we gracefully and truly listen,  
we are open to hearing new things  
or hearing old things newly.

Our listening to and for Jesus guides us  
in how to listen for his voice in others,  
even those who have not yet accepted  
his promise of life in the Commonwealth of God.

What we will hear, if we have the ears to hear it,  
are enriching variations on Jesus’ summary  
of the law and the prophets –  
love God with your whole being, love you neighbor  
and love yourself.

### Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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