

## Memorize & Ponder

July 3, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 10:1  
(Full Reading – Luke 10:1-11)  
Week of June 26 – July 3, 2016

### We Are Sent in Community

#### Luke 10:1 (NRSV)

“After this the Lord appointed seventy others  
and sent them on ahead of him in pairs  
to every town and place  
where he himself intended to go.”

*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 the Friends of Jesus

*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 the Friends of Jesus to Ponder = Sent

Jesus sends the 70 with a purpose.  
They are sent to serve God  
by getting the space ready for his coming.  
Jesus comes to meet people with his grace.  
It is a grace that heals, and mends, and revives.  
It is the power of God’s loving energy  
and it transforms those  
who accept it and participate in its blessings.

In this kind of service,  
these friends of Jesus are authorized to act like Jesus.  
They are not sent along, but in pairs.  
They are sent in community to build community.  
They are to bless the houses they enter.  
They are to care for those who are there.  
And they are to announce  
the coming of the Commonwealth/Kingdom of God.

This mission of being sent to prepare space  
for Jesus to encounter people with this grace  
is still operative in our day.  
Are we participating in with all our soul?

### Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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