

Memorize & Ponder

July 10, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 10:36-37

(Full Reading – Luke 10:25-37)

Week of July 3 - 10, 2016

Love is the Answer

Luke 10:36-37 (NRSV)

“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

He said, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

*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 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 = Neighbour

If you ever wondered whether the Gospel challenges our parochial and tribal tendencies, this is the story to read.

Samaritans were outsiders in Jesus’ day. They were rejected as distorting/destroying the faith. The historian Josephus records many violent clashes between Jews and Samaritans in the first century.

So, this is not the kind of person from the kind of people that Jesus’ hearers would expect him to approve. Yet he does. And the sign of God’s power working in and through him is the merciful love he shows.

So, in a world of fear and division, as we demean and dismiss those who are different, this story challenges us to see things through God’s eyes, to see that it is not race, or religion, or any other kind of difference that matters, but how well we engage in merciful love.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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