

Memorize & Ponder

Aug 14, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 12:51
(Full Readings – Luke 12:49-56 & Ps 82)
Week of Aug 7 - 14, 2016

Dealing with Division

Luke 12:51 (NRSV)

Do you think I have come
to bring peace to the earth?
No, I tell you,
but rather division.

*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 = Division

We talk a lot here at Brentwood about the justice, peace, and joy that flow from the grace of Jesus Christ.

So, how to ponder this text?
Does it not justify dividing the world into the faithful and the unfaithful, the Christians and the non-Christians, those loved by God and those rejected by God?
If Jesus brought 'division,' then should we not see the world that way and make sure we are on the right side?

In our ponderings this week, it might be fruitful to reflect on how Jesus deals with this division in the end – on the cross, taking on himself all divisions, reconciling all humanity with God to create a commonwealth of flourishing friends.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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