

Memorize & Ponder

Aug 28, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 14:13-14

(Full Readings – Luke 14:7-14 & Ps 112)

Week of Aug 21-28, 2016

Who's Invited to the Banquet?

Luke 14:13-14 (NRSV)

But when you give a banquet,
Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,
For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

*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 = Hospitality

There is something distinctive,
in a world driven by fear and division,
about the Christian understanding of hospitality.

We ground our theology of welcome
in the witness of Genesis
in the creation accounts there.
Humans – all humans –
are created in the image of God
for companionship with God.
In that companionship/friendship
we find our true dignity and worth
and that of every other human being.

Fear of those who seem different to us
divides us from each other.

In our friendship with Jesus Christ,
we find a relationship that casts out that fear
and opens us up to a redemptive hospitality
that blesses all who enjoy its benefits.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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