

Memorize & Ponder

Sept 4, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 14:27
(Full Readings – Luke 14:25-33 & Ps 1)
Week of Aug 28 – Sept 4, 2016

Carrying Christ's Cross

Luke 14:27 (NRSV)

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me
cannot be my disciple.

*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 = Cross

At the centre of God's healing of the world
lies a tool of control
that is covered with the worst residues of death –
blood, sweat, tears, and worse.

This is the cross.
Jesus, in the end, willingly suffered this horror.
He was human enough to want to avoid it.
But he was divine enough to do God's will.

That will was to heal a fractured world.
And in Jesus Christ,
through the cross,
God delivered on that promise
for the whole world.

To carry Christ's cross, then,
is to participate in God's healing
of our fractured world.
And to do so in the strength of the healing
initiated on a cross 2000 years ago.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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