

Memorize & Ponder

Oct 30, 2016 – All Saints Sunday

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 19:9-10
(Full Readings – Ps 32:1-7 & Luke 19:1-10)
Week of Oct 23-30, 2016

How Sinners Become Saints

Luke 19:9-10 (NRSV)

The Jesus said to him,
“Today salvation has come to this house,
because he too is a son of Abraham.
For the Son of Man came to seek out
and to save the lost.”

*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 = Forgiveness

Jesus welcomes the attention of a tax collector,
a very rich and a very unpopular man.
Others in the crowd start to grumble.
There he goes again.
He’s paying more attention to the outsiders
than to us.
Then he goes and stays with the tax collection
What’s this all about?

It’s about the heart of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are all reconciled with God.
It’s a gift, free and undeserved.
It heals our separation from God.
Jesus comes, pays attention to us,
takes up residence with us.
He is Emmanuel, God with us.

As a result, the invitation to become saints,
people who strive to follow Jesus and serve God,
is always there to accept with gratitude.
We are forgiven,
even though we continue to make mistakes.
God works with us to use those mistakes
as opportunities to learn, to reform,
to follow more faithfully.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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