

January 22, 2012

Going Deeper

The purpose of this page is to provide a tool or instrument for your spiritual growth. This page contains a brief synopsis of the readings as well as some questions for your reflection to help you go deeper with the Word. On the back is a day by day listing of scripture readings with possible prayer request. Individuals are listed on their day of birth—so that you might pray for them on their birthday. Also on the back is the prayer list for the congregation. Keep on Growing Spiritually!!

Readings for the Day:

Jonah 3:1–5, 10—The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

1 Corinthians 7:29–31—Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:14–20—Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

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Questions To Ponder:

- 1—Why do you think James, John, Simon & Andrew left everything to follow Jesus?
- 2—Do you think it was a difficult decision for the disciples to leave everything and follow Jesus? Why or Why Not?
- 3—What does it mean to fish for people?
- 4—What does it mean for us to follow Jesus?
- 5—How do we hear Jesus call to come and follow?

NOTES:

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 1:15

¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

A reflection upon this verse is posted on the church's website www.stpaul-borchers.org

Going Deeper in Prayer

Monday 1/23

Joshua 18:1-28
Acts 10:1-48
□ Deborah Rust, Beth Albert
Riley Children's hospital

Tuesday 1/24

Joshua 19:1-51
Acts 11:1-30
□ Kristina McIntosh, Ben Rorick
World peace

Wednesday 1/25

Joshua 20:1-9
Acts 12:1-25
Pastor Steve, Jason Engelau,
Abby Hoene
nurses

Thursday 1/26

Joshua 21:1-45
Acts 13:1-52
□ Habitat for Humanity

Friday 1/27

Joshua 22:1-34
Acts 14:1-28
□ Larry Lewis
Christians in Iran

Saturday 1/28

Joshua 23:1-16
Acts 15:1-41
□ Brandy Rotert, Chloe Bryden
people who do not know Jesus
as Lord & Savior

Sunday 1/29

Joshua 24:1-33
Acts 16:1-40
the music ministry of St. Paul

Prayer List

Prayer for Homebound Individuals: *Betty Hoene, Norma Mellenbruch, Eldena Hoene*

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues: *Marilyn Tangman, David Rumph (Linda Rust's brother), Andy Runge, Peggy Meahl (Sarah Rotert's sister); Albert Stahl (Mary Eglan's father); Harold Schroer (Florence Otte's brother)*

Recent Hospitalizations: *Jack Trotter (stroke Magen Trotter's Grandfather)*

Other Prayer Request: *The family and friends of Trevor Young (relative of Paige Koop), Noah Lewis (4yr. old friend of Tammi Reinbold with Non-Hodgkins Lymphomia), Melinda Lowry (Jennie Hoene's cousin), Amy Pierceall, Arlene Yarnell (cancer—Michelle Wood's mom); Dewayne Greathouse (cancer—friend of Linda Guinn); Robert Pekar (cancer—father of Raylene Herkamp); Ernie Robinson (kidney problem—friend of Dena Schafstall); Kristie Wessel (cancer—Tracey Engelau's sister); Ethan Schatto (leukemia—friend of Merrell Otte); Pat Norrell (friend of Kendra Harris); Judy Teague (cancer—friend of Joe Hoene); Tom Koester (cancer—friend of Susan Kaiser); Marie Burgess (cancer—friend of Laberta Otte); Amanda Corwin (cancer—Stacey Claycamp's sister); Rick Lawles (cancer—Brent Lawles' Uncle).*

Prayers for those in Military Service: *Steven Rieker (Jerry & Pixie Otte's Grandson); Mike Albert, Stephen Toppe, Chad Brigdon, Evan Marshall, Randy Hooker II, Ryan Siffard, Andrew Toppe*

(Names will be on the prayer list for 4 weeks, if you want the request extended, you may re-submit your request.)