

MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, November 15th

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“So then, let’s not sleep like the others, but let’s stay awake and stay sober” (1 Thessalonians 5:6, CEB).

DAILY PRAYER:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DAILY READINGS:

Monday, November 16, 2020: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Judges 4:8-24; Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, November 17, 2020: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wednesday, November 18, 2020: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Esther 7:1-10; Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday, November 19, 2020: Psalm 100; Genesis 48:15-22; Revelation 14:1-11

Friday, November 20, 2020: Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9

Saturday, November 21, 2020: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50

LECTIONARY TEXTS (TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST):

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;

Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION/JOURNALING/DISCUSSION:

1. How did you respond to this week’s message? What insights or questions did it raise for you?
2. What effect has the increase in virtual meetings had on you?
3. What are some of the ways we engage in spiritual napping?
4. How would you define faith, hope, and love?
5. What are some ways you can cultivate faith, hope, and love in your life?
6. Would you describe yourself as spiritually sleepy or spiritually awake?
7. Read the lectionary texts for next Sunday. What questions do they raise for you?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GUIDE:

Monday - Pray for Christians struggling with spiritual sleepiness.

Tuesday - Pray for non-believers to awake to the message of the gospel.

Wednesday - Pray for those battling ailments of mind and/or body.

Thursday - Pray for those struggling with isolation and loneliness during the pandemic.

Friday - Pray for clean water and improved livelihoods in Honduras.

Saturday - Pray for the Lord to move in a powerful way during our worship, both for those at the in-person Communion service and those watching the Table.