

ORDINARY TIME



LECTIONARY YEAR A

2 August - 27 September 2020

Revised Common Lectionary:

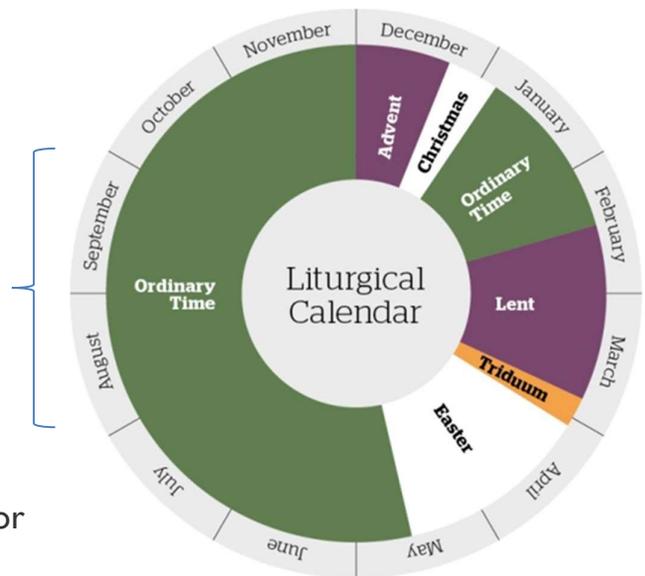
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This booklet contains the Lectionary Readings for the week, with emphasis on the Gospels.

The daily readings expand the range of biblical readings in worship and personal devotion; they complement the Sunday readings and can help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead or help reflect and digest what was heard in worship.

All congregants are encouraged to make sermon notes on a Sunday and to join a small group for deeper discussion in the week.

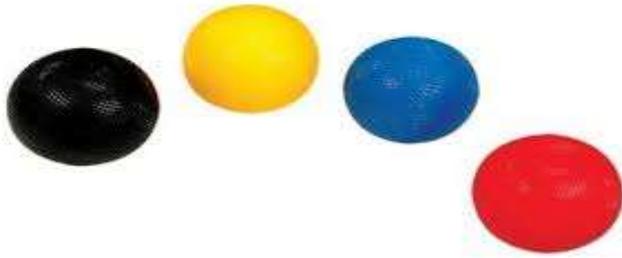


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- Tuesday, July 28: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18
- Wednesday, July 29: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34
- Thursday, July 30: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15
- Friday, July 31: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13
- Saturday, August 1: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:1-21; Matthew 7:7-11



Week 1: 2 August

Jesus feeds the five thousand



Worship Song: Come, now is the time to worship – Maranatha Music

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit. May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you. Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN



First Reading and Psalm: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew 14:13-21 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

Jesus feeds the five thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.’ ¹⁶ Jesus replied, ‘They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.’ ¹⁷ ‘We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,’ they answered. ¹⁸ ‘Bring them here to me,’ he said. ¹⁹ And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the



people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Key Verse:

¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill.

Call on God's presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and praying.



Small Group Questions:

1. One of the characteristics of Jesus is his compassion. Who has shown you compassion in the past and how did it influence you?
2. Jesus knows that material things are a major competitor for our hearts. It makes us feel in control and safe. Do you cling to what you have and struggle to share? How does your answer make you feel?
3. How have you seen Jesus multiply what you have beyond what you could have ever imagined?
4. How have you shown compassion to someone else lately? How did it make you feel?

Closing Prayer:



Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit as we close this meeting. I need your power, love and guidance in my life, and for this coming week. Give me the opportunities to show you how much I love you and let me be a light in the darkness. I adore and love you! Amen.



- Monday, August 3: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15
- Tuesday, August 4: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47
- Wednesday, August 5: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39
- Thursday, August 6: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, Genesis 35:22b-29, Acts 17:10-15
- Friday, August 7: Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28
- Saturday, August 8: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4

Memory Verses

Psalm 17:6-7 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁶ I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

⁷ Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.



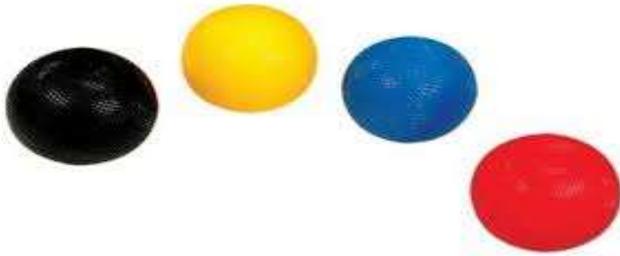
Psalm 105:1-4 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.



Week 2: 9 August

Jesus walks on water



Worship Song: Touch of Heaven – Hillsong Worship

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN



First Reading and Psalm: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew 14:22-33 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

Jesus walks on the water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.



'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' ²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Key Verse:

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

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Small Group Questions:

1. Are you adventurous? What is the scariest thing you have ever done?
2. What would your thoughts be if you saw someone walking on water?
3. Do you have people in your life that do similar acts of faith (and keep on doing it)?
4. What can you do to ensure your good efforts do not "sink" just after you have taken the leap of faith?
5. Choose one thing you will faithfully work at doing consistently in the coming week (being kind, share what you have, not swear, read the Bible etc.)

Closing Prayer:



Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit as we close this meeting. I need your power, love and guidance in my life, and for this coming week. Give me the opportunities to show you how much I love you and let me be a light in the darkness. I adore and love you! Amen.



- Monday, August 10: Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10
- Tuesday, August 11: Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29
- Wednesday, August 12: Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27
- Thursday, August 13: Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4
- Friday, August 14: Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28
- Saturday, August 15: Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36



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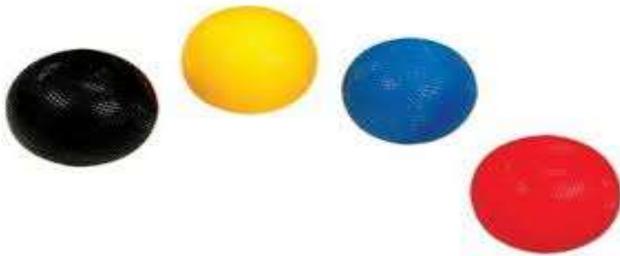
Psalm 28:7 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁷ The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Romans 9:15-16 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁵ For he says to Moses; 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'

¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.



Week 3:16 August

The faith of a Canaanite woman



Worship Song: Remember - Lauren Daigle

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN



First Reading and Psalm: Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Matthew 15:21-28 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

The faith of a Canaanite woman

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.' ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.' ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him.



'Lord, help me!' she said. ²⁶ He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' ²⁷ 'Yes, it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Key Verse:

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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Small Group Questions:

1. Is there something in your life that you would never give up on asking God for answers/relief?
2. Is there a difference between being a victim and needy?
3. How do you react to people that never stop "bugging" you about something they need/want from you?
4. What have you learned from the woman and Jesus' reaction to her in this story?
5. How will this learning(s) change your coming week?

Closing Prayer:



Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit as we close this meeting. I need your power, love and guidance in my life, and for this coming week. Give me the opportunities to show you how much I love you and let me be a light in the darkness. I adore and love you! Amen.



- Monday, August 17: Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21
- Tuesday, August 18: Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29
- Wednesday, August 19: Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13
- Thursday, August 20: Psalm 124; Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- Friday, August 21: Psalm 124; Gen 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18
- Saturday, August 22: Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12

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Psalm 130:3-4 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

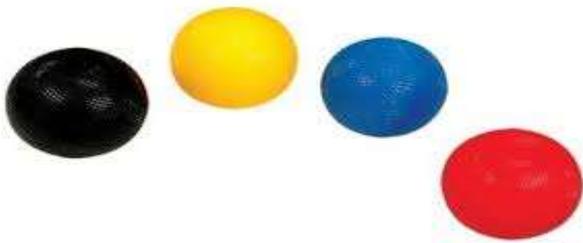
³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Psalm 124:8 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.





Week 4: 23 August

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah



Worship Song: He is Lord – Elevation Worship

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.



May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN

First Reading and Psalm: Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Matthew 16:13-20 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I

am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter¹ and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be¹ bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be¹ loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



Key Verse:

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be¹ bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

Call on God’s presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and praying.

Small Group Questions:



1. If we asked your friends to describe you in one word, which word do you think they will use? How does that make you feel?
2. Who is Jesus to you? How would you describe him to other people?
3. What are the keys to the kingdom of heaven?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says in verse 19, 'whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'
5. Find one person this week that you can remind of God's love.

Closing Prayer:



Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit as we close this meeting. I need your power, love and guidance in my life, and for this coming week. Give me the opportunities to show you how much I love you and let me be a light in the darkness. I adore and love you! Amen.



- Monday, August 24: Psalm 8; Exodus 1:1-7; Romans 2:1-11
- Tuesday, August 25: Psalm 8; Exodus 2:11-15a; Romans 11:33-36
- Wednesday, August 26: Psalm 8; Exodus 2:15b-22; Matthew 26:6-13
- Thursday, August 27: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 2:23-24; Ephesians 5:1-6
- Friday, August 28: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:16-22; Thessalonians 2:7-12
- Saturday, August 29: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 4:1-9; Matthew 8:14-17

Memory Verses

Psalm 8:3-4 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

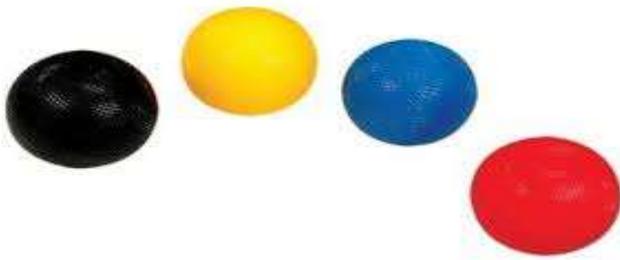
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

Psalm 105:3-4 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.





Week 5: 30 August

Jesus predicts his death



Worship Song: Enough for me – North Point Worship

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.



May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN

First Reading and Psalm: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Matthew 16:21-28 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

Jesus predicts his death

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took



him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Key Verse:

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Call on God's presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and praying.



Small Group Questions:

1. Has someone let you down with regards to what you expected of them and what they "delivered"?
2. What did Peter expect from Jesus? Do you sometimes expect Jesus to act in a certain way for you specifically? Share an example.
3. How do you make sure that your needs are in line with God's will?
4. Find verses in the Bible that speak to your need for God specifically and write it out where you can see it every day. Pray over them and your situation daily (or more).

Closing Prayer:



Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit as we close this meeting. I need your power, love and guidance in my life, and for this coming week. Give me the opportunities to show you how much I love you and let me be a light in the darkness. I adore and love you! Amen.



- Monday, August 31: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Rev 3:1-6
- Tuesday, September 1: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Rev 3:7-13
- Wednesday, September 2: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32
- Thursday, September 3: Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
- Friday, September 4: Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21
- Saturday, September 5: Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36

Memory Verses

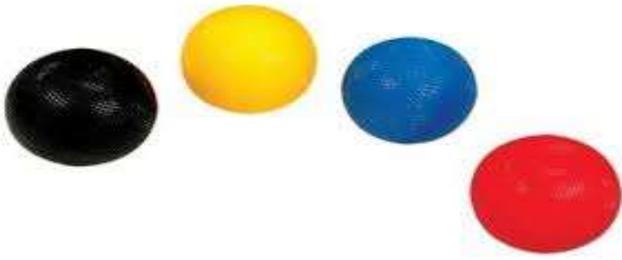
Psalm 149:1 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Revelation 3:3 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

³ Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.





Week 6: 6 September

Dealing with sin in the church



Worship Song: Rebel Heart – Lauren Daigle

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN



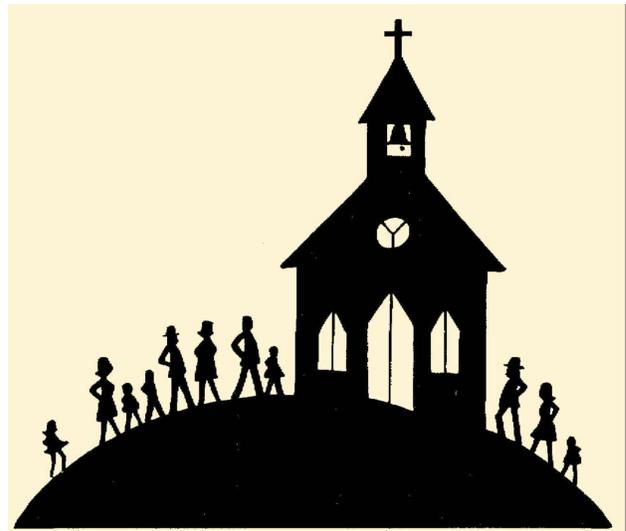
First Reading and Psalm: Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Matthew 18:15-20 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

Dealing with sin in the church

¹⁵ 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound

in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gathers in my name, there am I with them.'



Key Verse:

²⁰ For where two or three gathers in my name, there am I with them.'

Call on God's presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and praying.

Small Group Questions:



1. The church is the bride of Christ. We are a family, linked by the Holy Spirit. Is there someone in the Church that you are angry with or fighting with? What have you done to reconcile in the past?
2. Have you used Jesus' example in verses 15-18? How did it go? If not, are you willing to give it a try with the conflict you mentioned above? What will your next step be?
3. Do you really "feel" the spirit if two or more of you gather in His name? What can you do to increase the "feeling" of his presence in your meetings?
4. If you haven't yet started a prayer list of group needs that everyone in the group prays for, do so now. Please also note the answers to prayer. Please share it with BMC.

Closing Prayer:



Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit as we close this meeting. I need your power, love and guidance in my life, and for this coming week. Give me the opportunities to show you how much I love you and let me be a light in the darkness. I adore and love you! Amen.



- Monday, September 7: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17
- Tuesday, September 8: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7
- Wednesday, September 9: Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matt 21:18-22
- Thursday, September 10: Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16
- Friday, September 11: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16
- Saturday, September 12: Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15

Memory Verses

Psalm 121:5-8 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

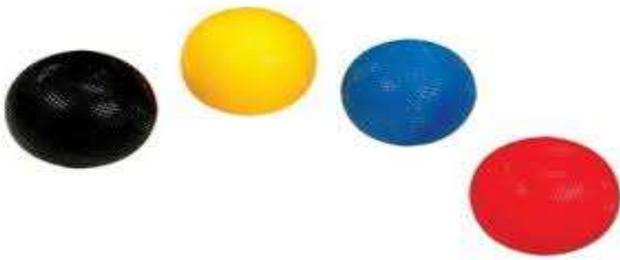
⁵ *The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand;*

⁶ *the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷ *The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life;*

⁸ *the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.*





Week 7: 13 September

The parable of the unmerciful servant



Worship Song: How he Loves – Jeremy Riddle

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN



First Reading and Psalm: Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114
Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 18:21-35 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

The parable of the unmerciful servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’

²² Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ ‘Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he

began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ ‘At this the servant fell on his knees before him. “Be patient with me,” he begged, “and I will pay back everything.” ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ ‘But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. “Pay back what you owe me!” he demanded. ²⁹ ‘His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, “Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.” ³⁰ ‘But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.



³² Then the master called the servant in. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ ‘This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Key Verse:

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’ ²² Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’

Call on God’s presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and praying.



Small Group Questions:

1. What would you do to celebrate if someone paid of all your debt? Or if you won a big prize that set you up for life?
2. What is harder for you to do:
 - a. To ask forgiveness.
 - b. To give forgiveness
 - c. To forgive over and over
 - d. To forgive and forget

Share your answer with the group.

3. Who is someone you need to forgive? Who is someone that needs forgiveness from you? How would you like the group to pray for you?

Closing Prayer:



Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit as we close this meeting. I need your power, love and guidance in my life, and for this coming week. Give me the opportunities to show you how much I love you and let me be a light in the darkness. I adore and love you! Amen.



- Monday, September 14: Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29
- Tuesday, September 15: Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2
- Wednesday, September 16: Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25
- Thursday, September 17: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4
- Friday, September 18: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
- Saturday, September 19: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30



Psalm 77:11-12 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

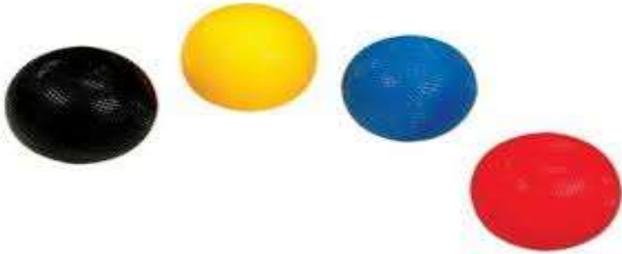
¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.'

Psalm 105:3-4 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.



Week 8: 20 September

The parable of the workers in the vineyard



Worship Song: Only Jesus – Casting Crowns

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN



First Reading and Psalm: Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Matthew 20:1-16 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

The parable of the workers in the vineyard

20 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ 'About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is



right.”⁵ So they went. ‘He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.’⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?”⁷ “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. ‘He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.”’⁸ ‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.”’⁹ ‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.’¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.¹² “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.”¹³ ‘But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?”’¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”¹⁶ ‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Key Verse:

¹⁶ ‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Call on God’s presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and praying.



Small Group Questions:

1. What was your first ever job and what was your salary?
2. Do you think life is fair? What makes it so?
3. How would you have reacted if you were the employer today?
4. What is the biggest challenge you face at work (unfulfilled, workload, job security, etc.)?
5. What does the parable say about God and his kingdom/workplace?
6. What can you change to feel different about your work?

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- Monday, September 21: Psalm 119:97-104; Ex 16:31-35; Rom 16:1-16
- Tuesday, September 22: Ps 119:97-104; Num 11:1-9; Rom 16:17-20
- Wednesday, September 23: Ps 119:97-104; Num 11:18-23, 31-32; Matt 18:1-5
- Thursday, September 24: Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Isa 48:17-21; James 4:11-16
- Friday, September 25: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41
- Saturday, September 26: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33

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Verses

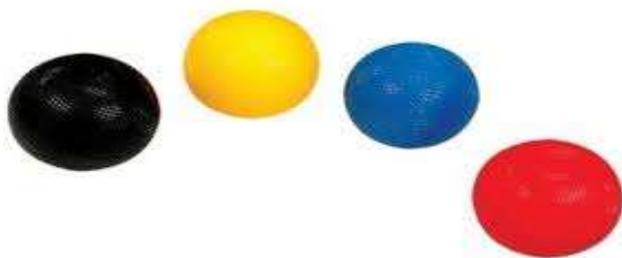
**Psalm 119:97 New International Version - UK
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*97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.
Psalm 78:1 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)*



**Psalm 78:1 New International Version - UK
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1 My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.



Week 9: 27 September

*The authority of Jesus questioned & The parable
of the two sons*



Worship Song: Here I am to Worship

Prayer:

Lord, help us today to hear your teaching by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May your truths be heard, and your love be felt as we learn more about you.

Make our ears to hear your will for our lives, our hands to serve you and our feet follow in your footsteps. AMEN



First Reading and Psalm: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Matthew 21:23-32 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

The authority of Jesus questioned

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. ‘By what authority are you doing these things?’ they asked. ‘And who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴ Jesus replied, ‘I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will



tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?’ They discussed it among themselves and said, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will ask, “Then why didn’t you believe him?”’ ²⁶ But if we say, “Of human origin” – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.’ ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We don’t know.’ Then he said, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.’

The parable of the two sons

²⁸ ‘What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard.”’ ²⁹ “I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, “I will, sir,” but he did not go. ³¹ ‘Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ ‘The first,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you; the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.’

Key Verse:

³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Call on God’s presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and praying.



Small Group Questions:

1. Have you ever “bumped heads” with any authority figure(s)?
2. Would you leave a job/partner/situation if you feel it is not within God’s will/authority? Can you give an example?
3. By who’s authority do you do “good deeds”? Is it really from God and to His Glory? How can we distinguish?
4. It seems that “rather late than never” is the theme of the parable of the 2 sons. Which son’s story is most like yours?
5. What do you have to stop doing/continue doing and change doing? Ask the group to pray for each request.

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- Monday, September 28: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14
- Tuesday, September 29: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21
- Wednesday, September 30: Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8
- Thursday, October 1: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23
- Friday, October 2: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
- Saturday, October 3: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52

Memory Verses

Psalm 42:8 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁸ *By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life.*

Psalm 19:14 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁴ *May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

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