

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# Being with Jesus

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NAME:

*Love God Love People*

Mark 12:29-31

*Make Disciples*

Matthew 28:19-20

# JULY – SEPTEMBER, 2022 READING SCHEDULE

BEING WITH *Jesus* 2022

	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
Mon			1	John 4:43–54		
Tue	5	Luke 1:1–4	2	Luke 4:14–30		
Wed	6	John 1:1–18	3	Luke 5:1–11		
Thu	7	Luke 3:23b–38	4	Luke 4:31–37	1	Luke 11:24–32
Fri	8	Luke 1:5–25	5	Luke 4:38–41	2	Luke 8:19–21; Luke 11:37–54
Sat	9	Luke 1:26–38	6	Luke 4:42–44	3	Luke 8:4–15
Sun	10		7		4	
Mon	11	Luke 1:39–56	8	Luke 5:12–16	5	Luke 8:16–18; Luke 13:18–21
Tue	12	Luke 1:57–80	9	Luke 5:17–26	6	Luke 9:57–62; Luke 8:22–25
Wed	13	Luke 2:1–20	10	Luke 5:27–32	7	Luke 8:26–39
Thu	14	Luke 2:21–39	11	Luke 5:33–39	8	Luke 8:40–56
Fri	15	Luke 2:40–52	12	John 5:1–18	9	Luke 9:1–6; Luke 12:1–12;49–53; Luke 17:33
Sat	16	Luke 3:1–18	13	John 5:19–47	10	Luke 9:7–9
Sun	17		14		11	
Mon	18	John 1:19–28	15	Luke 6:1–16	12	Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–16
Tue	19	Luke 3:21–23a; John 1:29–34	16	Luke 6:17–26	13	John 6:17–21
Wed	20	John 1:35–42	17	Luke 14:34–35	14	John 6:22–51
Thu	21	John 1:43–51	18	Luke 6:27–31	15	John 6:52–7:1
Fri	22	Luke 4:1–13	19	Luke 11:1–4	16	Luke 9:18–27
Sat	23	John 2:1–11	20	Luke 12:32–34	17	Luke 9:28–36
Sun	24		21		18	
Mon	25	John 2:12–25	22	Luke 12:22–31	19	Luke 9:37–45; Luke 17:5–6
Tue	26	John 3:1–21	23	Luke 6:37–42	20	Luke 9:46–50; Luke 15:1–7; Luke 17:1–4
Wed	27	John 3:22–36	24	Luke 11:5–13	21	John 7:2–13
Thu	28	Luke 3:19–20	25	Luke 13:23–30	22	John 7:14–36
Fri	29	John 4:1–26	26	Luke 6:43–49	23	John 7:37–52
Sat	30	John 4:27–42	27	Luke 7:1–17	24	John 7:53–8:11
Sun	31		28		25	
Mon			29	Luke 7:18–35	26	John 8:12–30
Tue			30	Luke 7:36–8:3	27	John 8:31–59
Wed			31	Luke 11:14–23	28	John 9:1–12
Thurs					29	John 9:13–34
Fri					30	John 9:35–10:21

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

**Dear SSMC Family,**

For BWJ 03, we are back to familiar territory in our reading of the Gospels. Familiarity can be a double-edged sword. When we are familiar with something or someone, we feel comfortable and can relate easily. Conversely, familiarity may also breed contempt causing us to lose respect, value or the sense of amazement.

The reading of the Gospels gives us an opportunity to focus again on the person of Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. My prayer and plea to you is to look at Jesus in the Gospel narratives, not just as our Saviour but how he modelled what true humanity is about and what it means to be human as God intended. It is important to believe IN Jesus, who He is, the cross and His resurrection for our salvation but beyond that we must believe LIKE Jesus. How? By resolving to embrace and embody His life-style as ours.

God's purpose is not about getting all our facts and doctrines correct. His eternal purpose is that we be conformed to the likeness of His Son (Rom 8:29). A disciple is a follower or a student apprentice to a teacher. The goal of the disciple is to be like the teacher. A Christian is a disciple or follower who submits and aligns his/her HEAD – HEART – HAND to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. His perspective becomes ours when we learn to see situations and the world through His eyes. His heart becomes our heart as we embrace and imitate His faith, obedience and passion, love, compassion and mercy, forgiveness and grace, joys and sadness, anguish and anger, persecution and suffering. His hand refers to His actions and works that impacted others. In the same manner, with our hands, we do likewise.

Who is a disciple of Jesus? "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matt 4:19. We can define a disciple as one:

1. Who decides to "follow Jesus" (HEAD)
2. Who allows Jesus to transform "I will make you" (HEART)
3. Who engages in Jesus' mission to be "fishers of men" (HAND)

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

As we read the Gospels, may we look to Jesus as our model and learn what it means to LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Recently someone commented, "We will try not to let you down." My reply, "You follow the Great and Good Shepherd. In so doing, you cannot go wrong." Let's do the same, we follow Jesus, the Great and Good Shepherd!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Robin and the Leadership Team



## The Gospels

The gospels are integral to the Christian faith. These pages contain the Good News for all peoples and nations, every tribe and tongue, regardless of age, gender, privilege, wealth, intelligence, or righteousness. While all scripture is God breathed (2 Timothy 3:16-17), the gospels are uniquely suited to understanding (and explaining) our Hope to the world.

The first three gospels are generally known as the synoptic gospels, while the gospel of John is more distinct from the rest. Each of the gospels describe the momentous occurrences of Jesus' life from different perspectives, to different audiences. As John 21:25 says, if everyone (of Jesus' works and sayings) were written down, even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. In these four canonical gospels, then, we find accounts of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord.

We will be reading through one synoptic gospel (Luke) and the gospel of John in chronological order. As with many areas of biblical study, this chronology (or harmony of the gospels) is not a canonical artifact or agreed upon by all believers. Dedicated men and women continue (and will perhaps forever continue) to study these things, either motivated by faith or scholarly pursuit. For the purposes of these Being With Jesus readings, we are utilizing the Chronology of the Four Gospels as published in [biblechronology.net](http://biblechronology.net). Interested believers may wish to visit that site for further reading on these matters, especially the section titled "Why does Bible Chronology Matter?".

In this edition of Being With Jesus, we have also included a few questions to ponder with each day's reading. These questions are written for the individual to ponder, and many of them use the personal pronoun 'I' for this reason. Read these questions as being your own queries. For families reading together, most of these questions can also be pondered together, as a 'We' instead of an 'I'. It is our hope that these questions will assist and support your understanding of the passage, will open your soul to the Spirit's promptings, and will challenge you to take action for the Kingdom of God. May our study of the Word thus involve our head, our heart, and our hands together.

## *The Gospels*

As with the chronology itself, the questions we have included here do not have the weight or significance of Scripture, since Scripture stands alone as being God's revealed word to us. Some readers may prefer to focus on Scripture alone (*Sola Scriptura*), and we encourage this! May the Holy Spirit guide all of our devotions and meditations, and may the Kingdom continue to expand as we work out what Scripture has to say to us individually, in our families, as discipleship groups, and as a whole church together.

Ng Oon-Ee and The Christian Education Team

JUL 5, TUESDAY

Luke 1:1–4

## Introductory Material

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What are the 'things that have been fulfilled among us'?</li> <li>2) What teaching had Theophilus already received (Luke 1:4)?</li> <li>3) What is the basis of our own certainty and hope?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	



JUL 6, WEDNESDAY

John 1:1–18

## The Prelude to John

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) Why is Christ personified as 'the Word' here?
- 2) How did I first recognize and receive the true light (John 1:9-12)?
- 3) How can I testify concerning the light today?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

JUL 7, THURSDAY

Luke 3:23b–38

## The Genealogies of Jesus

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What name(s) stand out for me in Jesus' genealogy? Why?</li> <li>2) What is my own spiritual genealogy?</li> <li>3) Who can I be a spiritual mentor/parent to right now?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

JUL 8, FRIDAY

Luke 1:5–25

## An Angel Appears to Zechariah

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 9, SATURDAY

Luke 1:26–38

## An Angel Appears to Mary

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) Why did Mary ask 'how will this be'?
- 2) Am I fully confident that 'no word from God will ever fail' (Luke 1:37)?
- 3) Why would the angel speak about Elizabeth to Mary?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

JUL 10, SUNDAY

*Sunday Worship Celebration*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

PREACHER

JUL 11, MONDAY

Luke 1:39–56

## Mary Visits Elizabeth

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What does Mary praise God for?
- 2) How does Elizabeth affirm and encourage Mary?  
Who has affirmed and encouraged me in the same way?
- 3) Who is the Mary who has been placed in my life, for me to build up and protect?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

JUL 12, TUESDAY

Luke 1:57–80

## Birth of John the Baptist

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What does Zechariah praise God for?</li> <li>2) Why was Zechariah only able to speak at the child's naming (Luke 1:63-64) and not at his birth 8 days before?</li> <li>3) What praise of God can I proclaim to my neighbours and relatives?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

JUL 13, WEDNESDAY

Luke 2:1–20

## Birth of Jesus

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) Who does God use to bring Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem?
- 2) When did God last interrupt your work/life the way the shepherds were interrupted while at work?
- 3) How can I also respond like the shepherds did to seeing baby Jesus (Luke 2:17, 2:20)?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?



JUL 14, THURSDAY

Luke 2:21–39

## Circumcision of Jesus, Presented in the Temple, Return to Nazareth

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 15, FRIDAY

Luke 2:40–52

## Jesus' Childhood

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) Did Jesus know that Joseph and Mary were searching for Him?
- 2) How do Mary's words in Luke 2:48 compare with "everyone's" reactions to Jesus in Luke 2:47?
- 3) Parents (and spiritual parents), how does Luke 2:50 speak to you and your relationship with your children?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

JUL 16, SATURDAY

Luke 3:1–18

## John Begins His Ministry

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How do John's words to the crowds compare to the words of populists and public figures of our day?</li> <li>2) John's words do not speak of blessing, provision, or protection. What is the good news he proclaimed?</li> <li>3) John's practical exhortations continue to resound to our generation, what actions do I need to take in keeping with repentance?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 17, SUNDAY

*Sunday Worship Celebration*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

PREACHER

JUL 18, MONDAY

John 1:19–28

## John Explains His Ministry

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 19, TUESDAY

Luke 3:21–23a, John 1:29–34

## Baptism of Jesus; John Proclaims Jesus

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What does John 1:31 tell me about how much (or little) a prophet understands about what they declare?</li> <li>2) Can I be obedient to God even (or especially) when I don't understand or know in fullness?</li> <li>3) How can we have a sure faith in God's revelation?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 20, WEDNESDAY

John 1:35-42

## The Call of Peter and Andrew

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Were John's disciples true followers of John?</li> <li>2) What is my response when Jesus says "come" (John 1:39)?</li> <li>3) Since I have already found the Messiah, what is the first (most urgent) thing I should do (John 1:41-42)?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 21, THURSDAY

John 1:43–51

## The Call of Philip and Nathanael

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How did Philip respond to Nathanael's skepticism (John 1:46)?</li> <li>2) How did Jesus respond to Nathanael's skepticism?</li> <li>3) Would I want to see Jesus' promise to Nathanael (John 1:51) happen in my life and community?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	



JUL 22, FRIDAY

Luke 4:1–13

## Temptation of Jesus

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Are the devil's temptations lies, or do they have a form of truth?</li> <li>2) Why did Jesus answer each temptation with Scripture? What can I learn from this?</li> <li>3) Is temptation ever really finished (Luke 4:13)?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

JUL 23, SATURDAY

John 2:1–11

## Jesus Changes Water into Wine

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Was Jesus unwilling to become involved (John 2:4)?</li> <li>2) Which of the persons in today's reading actually saw Jesus' miracle happen?</li> <li>3) Who can I exhort to 'do whatever He tells you' (John 2:5)?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 24, SUNDAY

*Sunday Worship Celebration*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

PREACHER

JUL 25, MONDAY

John 2:12–25

## Jesus Clears the Temple, First Time

Context

*Questions*

to ponder

- 1) What motivated Jesus to use physical force instead of more peaceable methods?
- 2) How do I feel about the use of physical violence?
- 3) How do I feel about the misuse of worship places of God?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

JUL 26, TUESDAY

John 3:1–21

## Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What proof convinced Nicodemus of Jesus' being God-sent?
- 2) How can I believe in heavenly things (John 3:12)?
- 3) Is my sight fixed on the advance of the kingdom of God?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

JUL 27, WEDNESDAY

John 3:22–36

## Jesus and John the Baptist Baptize

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why were John's disciples unhappy when they questioned him in John 1:26?</li> <li>2) How can believers continually develop the humility of John (John 3:30)?</li> <li>3) If I claim to accept Christ's testimony, how is that seen in my life?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

JUL 28, THURSDAY

Luke 3:19–20

Herod Puts John in Prison

John 3:24

Context	<p>1) Was it wise for John to rebuke a powerful political leader?</p> <p>2) Are there situations in which I should hold my peace and avoid rocking the boat with truth and righteousness? How can I know what to say and when to speak (or remain silent)?</p>
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

JUL 29, FRIDAY

John 4:1–26

## Jesus Leaves for Galilee; The Samaritan Woman Part 1

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why was the Samaritan woman drawing water in the noon heat?</li> <li>2) What was special or unique about the Samaritan woman, that Jesus would entrust Himself to her (see also John 2:24)?</li> <li>3) Am I prepared to worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, alongside the 'Samaritan women' of our time?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	



JUL 30, SATURDAY

John 4:27–42

## The Samaritan Woman Part 2

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What changed, that the Samaritan woman was no longer avoiding the people of the town?</li> <li>2) When did I 'no longer believe just because of what (someone else) said' (John 4:42)?</li> <li>3) How can I open my eyes, look to the fields, and be the sower or reaper God has sent?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

JUL 31, SUNDAY

*Sunday Worship Celebration*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

PREACHER

AUG 1, MONDAY

John 4:43–54

## Jesus Heals an Official's Son

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What did Jesus mean by what He said in John 4:48?
- 2) When did the royal official start believing, in John 4:50 or in John 4:53?
- 3) What does today's passage teach me about miraculous healing?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

AUG 2, TUESDAY

Luke 4:14–30

## Rejection in Nazareth

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What was so shocking about what Jesus said (Luke 4:25-27), to prompt the change in the peoples' attitude?
- 2) What can I learn from today's passage about the difference between worshipping Christ and worshipping the wonderful things Christ does?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

AUG 3, WEDNESDAY

Luke 5:1–11

## The call of Peter, James and John

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How does Simon's first response to Jesus (Luke 5:5) demonstrate the heart of a disciple?</li> <li>2) How does Simon's second response to Jesus (Luke 5:8) demonstrate the heart of a disciple?</li> <li>3) What attitudes do I need to follow in the fishermen's actions and response after receiving a great material blessing?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 4, THURSDAY

Luke 4:31–37

## Jesus Heals Man with Unclean Spirit

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What are the two actions of Christ which amazed the people in today's passage?
- 2) Which of these two actions prompted the people to spread the news about Jesus?
- 3) What would others in the surrounding area have heard about Jesus?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

AUG 5, FRIDAY

Luke 4:38–41

## Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-law and Others

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why are the demons in today's (and yesterday's) passages so insistent on identifying Jesus?</li> <li>2) What was Simon's mother-in-law's immediate response to being healed?</li> <li>3) How do I feel about Jesus laying His own hands on 'all who had various kinds of sickness'?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 6, SATURDAY

Luke 4:42-44

## Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why does Jesus go out to a solitary place, and what does that teach me?</li> <li>2) Does it make sense to leave a fruitful and successful ministry?</li> <li>3) What is my God-sent mission?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	



AUG 7, SUNDAY

*Sunday Worship Celebration*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

PREACHER

AUG 8, MONDAY

Luke 5:12–16

## Jesus Heals a Leper

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What do I think is the most loving of the actions and words of Jesus in Luke 5:13?
- 2) Why does Jesus insist that the man fulfill Moses' law in Luke 5:14? The same law that instructs against touching a leper?
- 3) Do I see myself in the man covered with leprosy?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

AUG 9, TUESDAY

Luke 5:17–26

## Jesus Heals a Paralytic

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) Were the Pharisees and teachers of the law wrong in their understanding of sin, forgiveness, and blasphemy?
- 2) Why did 'everyone' praise God after Luke 5:25 instead of after Luke 5:20?
- 3) How have I overlooked the unseen move of God in favour of more easily seen blessings?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

AUG 10, WEDNESDAY

Luke 5:27–32

## Jesus Calls Matthew (Levi)

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How is this tax collector identical to the fishermen in Luke 5:11 (last week's reading)?</li> <li>2) Who are the sick and the sinners that Jesus has come to call?</li> <li>3) How have I excluded those whom Jesus came to call to Himself?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 11, THURSDAY

Luke 5:33–39

## John's Disciples Ask about Fasting

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Is Jesus for or against fasting?</li> <li>2) Between the old and new wineskins or garments, which is better, or 'right'?</li> <li>3) How do I relate this parable to my own attitudes about Christian life, service, and communal worship?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 12, FRIDAY

John 5:1–18

## Jesus Heals a Paralytic on the Sabbath

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What was the invalid man's primary focus when Jesus, the great healer, spoke to him?</li> <li>2) What was the Jewish leaders' primary focus when they saw an invalid man walking?</li> <li>3) How can I ensure that my primary focus is aligned with God's priorities?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 13, SATURDAY

John 5:19–47

## Bearing Witness to Jesus' Authority

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What simple truth of the Good News is evident in John 5:24?</li> <li>2) How did faith in Scriptures and hope in Moses (both good and God-given) lead the Jewish leaders to refuse Jesus?</li> <li>3) Do I have good pillars which nonetheless can lead me astray from following Jesus?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 14, SUNDAY

*Sunday Worship Celebration*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

PREACHER



AUG 15, MONDAY

Luke 6:1–16

Disciples Pick Grain on the Sabbath; Jesus Heals on the Sabbath; Jesus Chooses 12 Apostles

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why did Jesus actively choose to contradict the Sabbath law before the Pharisees and teachers of the law?</li> <li>2) Why did the Pharisees and teachers of the law become furious?</li> <li>3) The disciples chosen after Jesus' overnight prayer included Judas Iscariot. What can I learn from this about God's will and purpose?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 16, TUESDAY

Luke 6:17–26

## Sermon on the Mount - Blessings and Woes

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Which of the blessings in Luke 6:20-22 are actually things I would seek out?</li> <li>2) Which of the woes in Luke 6:24-26 are actually things I would weep to have?</li> <li>3) Is Jesus preaching a new set of attributes to pursue and covet, or is my following Him greater than any blessing or woe?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 17, WEDNESDAY

Luke 14:34–35

## Sermon on the Mount - Salt Losing Saltiness

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What does the 'salt' in this simple parable refer to?</li> <li>2) Are there good practices or traditions which have lost their saltiness and need to be thrown out of my life?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 18, THURSDAY

Luke 6:27–31

## Sermon on the Mount - Love Your Enemies

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Will living out the commands in today's passage leave me vulnerable and allow others to take advantage of me?</li> <li>2) Would everyone living out the commands in today's passage result in injustice and inequality?</li> <li>3) Am I able to trust God to protect the vulnerable and provide abundantly?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 19, FRIDAY

Luke 11:1-4

## Sermon on the Mount - The Lord's Prayer

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Whose name and glory is most important in this prayer?</li> <li>2) How do I practically declare "Your kingdom come" before bringing my petitions and requests?</li> <li>3) Why does the Lord's prayer assume that I should forgive 'everyone who sins against me'?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 20, SATURDAY

Luke 12:32-34

## Sermon on the Mount - Sell and Give to the Poor

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 21, SUNDAY

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AUG 22, MONDAY

Luke 12:22–31

## Sermon on the Mount - Seek His Kingdom

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What are the two primary instructions Jesus gives to His disciples (Luke 12:22, 12:31)?</li> <li>2) What is the primary reassurance that Jesus gives to His disciples (Luke 12:30)?</li> <li>3) What evidence does Jesus give that God is able to provide?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	



AUG 23, TUESDAY

Luke 6:37-42

## Sermon on the Mount - Judging Others

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Does today's passage condemn all judgement and condemnation?</li> <li>2) What is the relationship which today's passage addresses?</li> <li>3) How can I best serve my 'brother' today in helping myself and then him (or her) see clearly?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

AUG 24, WEDNESDAY

Luke 11:5–13

## Sermon on the Mount - Asking of the Father

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Do I know how to ask from those around me and receive what I need?</li> <li>2) Do I trust that my heavenly Father is both greater and more gracious than any friend or relative?</li> <li>3) Why does Luke 11:13 specifically mention our Father giving the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 25, THURSDAY

Luke 13:23–30

## Sermon on the Mount - Enter Through the Narrow Door

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Did Jesus answer the question?</li> <li>2) When I read this passage, where do I see myself?</li> <li>3) What is the 'narrow door' through which the owner will receive us as known and invited to His feast?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 26, FRIDAY

Luke 6:43–49

## Sermon on the Mount - Recognizing a Tree by its Fruit

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Is it possible for a tree to change to bear different fruit?</li> <li>2) Is it possible for a house built on one foundation to be moved to a different foundation?</li> <li>3) How can I put Christ's words into practice, to build a foundation on rock?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

AUG 27, SATURDAY

Luke 7:1–17

## Jesus Heals the Slave of a Centurion; Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Two men were brought back to life and health in today's passage; what is the commonality between them?</li> <li>2) Do I have a certain 'script' for how God's miraculous works will be done in my life and the lives of those surrounding me?</li> <li>3) How can I help others rely on the Christ who has come to help His people?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

AUG 28, SUNDAY

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AUG 29, MONDAY

Luke 7:18–35

## Jesus Reassures and Commends John the Baptist

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

AUG 30, TUESDAY

Luke 7:36–8:3

## Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What was the assumption behind Simon's thoughts in Luke 7:39?</li> <li>2) Does Jesus say 'your sins are forgiven' as a reward for the sinful woman's actions?</li> <li>3) Since I know the answer to the question of Luke 7:49, what then shall I do?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	



AUG 31, WEDNESDAY

Luke 11:14–23

## Jesus and Beelzebub

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What does the crowd's reaction say about our own reactions to God's work?</li> <li>2) What does today's passage teach us about the dangers of relying only on wondrous works and miracles to recognize the Kingdom of God?</li> <li>3) How do I respond to Christ's warning in Luke 11:23?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 1, THURSDAY

Luke 11:24–32

## The Sign of Jonah; Temporary Reform

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why would the house of Luke 11:25 be swept clean but still empty?</li> <li>2) How does Jesus' reply in Luke 11:28 illustrate what is important to Him?</li> <li>3) Why does Jesus condemn 'this wicked generation' precisely as more are coming to Him (Luke 11:29)?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 2, FRIDAY

Luke 8:19–21; Luke 11:37–54

## Who Are My Brothers? Six Woes

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What attitude in the Pharisees gives rise the Jesus' condemnations?</li> <li>2) What attitude in the experts in the law gives rise the Jesus' condemnations?</li> <li>3) How can I put into practice the Word that I hear (Luke 8:21)?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

SEP 3, SATURDAY

Luke 8:4–15

Parables

Matthew 13:1–30

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Who was Jesus' intended audience for this (and other) parables?</li> <li>2) How can we know from this passage that the hearers of the Word can determine what type of soil their heart is?</li> <li>3) What am I doing to make my heart good soil for the Word?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 4, SUNDAY

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SEP 5, MONDAY

Luke 8:16–18; Luke 13:18–21

## The Kingdom of Heaven Discourse

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

- 1) The kingdom of God is unstoppable! How have I personally seen this work out?
- 2) How can believers encourage each other as in Luke 8:18?
- 3) What can I do today for a brother or sister to help them consider carefully their response to the Kingdom of Heaven?

SEP 6, TUESDAY

Luke 9:57–62; Luke 8:22–25

## The Cost of Following Jesus; Jesus Calms the Storm

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 7, WEDNESDAY

Luke 8:26–39

## Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Men

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why did the legion of demons fear being cast out?</li> <li>2) Why were the people of the region afraid when they saw what happened? How did Christ respond to their fear?</li> <li>3) What do I need to learn from the demon-possessed man's obedience?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	



SEP 8, THURSDAY

Luke 8:40–56

## A Dead Girl; A sick Woman; Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why would Jesus stop and ask 'who touched Me'?</li> <li>2) Those at the house of Jairus believed death to be unbeatable, yet Jesus demonstrated differently. Do I currently believe something to be beyond Jesus' power and control?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

SEP 9, FRIDAY

Luke 9:1–6; Luke 12:1–12; 49–53; Luke 17:33

## Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) When the twelve are sent out, what does Christ warn them about?</li> <li>2) How does fearing God help me overcome my fear of men and powers?</li> <li>3) How does Luke 17:33 speak to me as to how I approach my own life and decisions?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 10, SATURDAY

Luke 9:7-9

## The Death of John the Baptist

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 11, SUNDAY

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SEP 12, MONDAY

Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–16

## Jesus Feeds the 5000

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What was Jesus' intention in leaving the crowds (Luke 9:10, John 6:3)?
- 2) How did Jesus react to the great crowd following them?
- 3) How do the disciples' reactions to Jesus teach me about my faith and trust in Him?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

SEP 13, TUESDAY

John 6:17–21

## Jesus Calms the Storm

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Were the disciples expecting to see Jesus?</li> <li>2) When do I least expect to see Jesus powerfully present in my life? Am I willing to take Him in to that place and time?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 14, WEDNESDAY

John 6:22-51

## The Bread of Life

Context

*Questions*  
to ponder

- 1) What does John 6:26-27 say about the reasons we sometimes seek Jesus out?
- 2) For those who have believed for a long time, do we have the same familiarity with Jesus that would lead us to respond as in John 6:42?
- 3) How did I come to eat of this bread of life?

*Head*

What can I understand?

*Heart*

How do I respond?

*Hands*

What must I do?

SEP 15, THURSDAY

John 6:52-7:1

## Disciples Turn Back from Hard Teaching

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In the context of Luke 11:24-32 (Sep 1st reading), what is it that Jesus now gives to the disciples which they had been looking for?</li> <li>2) Why did many of the disciples abandon Jesus?</li> <li>3) What is it that I believe and know (Luke 6:68-69) about Jesus, that I should continue to follow Him?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	



SEP 16, FRIDAY

Luke 9:18–27

## Preparation of the Apostles for the End

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Who do I say that Jesus is?</li> <li>2) What is the hard necessity placed on me as a disciple by Jesus (Luke 9:23)?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 17, SATURDAY

Luke 9:28–36

## The Transfiguration

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Have I ever been utterly lost and confused before God (Luke 9:33)?</li> <li>2) What does God reveal and instruct the disciples (Luke 9:35)?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 18, SUNDAY

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SEP 19, MONDAY

Luke 9:37–45; Luke 17:5–6

## Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy; Disciples Marvel

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 20, TUESDAY

Luke 9:46–50; Luke 15:1–7; Luke 17:1–4

## The Discourse on the Church

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What do today's passages tell us about Jesus' priorities within the church community?</li> <li>2) How do my priorities in my church community compare with Jesus'?</li> <li>3) How can I put Christ's challenge in Luke 17:1-4 into practice?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 21, WEDNESDAY

John 7:2–13

## In Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What do Jesus' brothers' words show about their motivations and priorities?</li> <li>2) What is the reason Jesus gives for the world hating Him?</li> <li>3) Jesus knew His time had not fully come. How can I learn to discern the right time for God's works in my life?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 22, THURSDAY

John 7:14–36

## Jesus Teaches at the Festival

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Throughout today's passage, what is Jesus' consistent message?</li> <li>2) When Jesus says 'judge correctly' in John 7:24, how should the people have responded?</li> <li>3) How am I seeking the glory of the One who sent me instead of my own personal glory?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

SEP 23, FRIDAY

John 7:37–52

## Division Over Who Jesus Is

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How are we today still divided over Jesus?</li> <li>2) What are the justifications that the Pharisees use to dismiss Jesus' teachings?</li> <li>3) What justification does Nicodemus bring against the decision of the Pharisees?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	



SEP 24, SATURDAY

John 7:53–8:11

## The Woman Caught in Adultery

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why was the woman caught in adultery brought alone (without the man) to Jesus?</li> <li>2) Only one person there had the right to condemn the woman, why doesn't He?</li> <li>3) What does Jesus have to say to me, a sinner?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

SEP 25, SUNDAY

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SEP 26, MONDAY

John 8:12–30

## Jesus's Testimony Before the Jews

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How does Jesus foretell His crucifixion in today's passage?</li> <li>2) How has the Light of the World shone on my own path and walk?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 27, TUESDAY

John 8:31–59

## Jesus's Claims About Abraham

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How does the freedom Jesus offers differ from the Jews' understanding of freedom(John 8:31-36)?</li> <li>2) What does John 8:42-47 tell us about hearing what God says?</li> <li>3) How do I respond to the challenge "who do you think you are?"</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 28, WEDNESDAY

John 9:1–12

## Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Do I still hold the same assumptions the disciples did in John 9:2?</li> <li>2) What do those who knew the man born blind immediately ask when they see him with his sight restored?</li> <li>3) Do I have a personal testimony of God's work displayed in me?</li> </ol>
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 29, THURSDAY

John 9:13–34

## The Pharisees' Disbelief

Context	
<i>Questions</i> to ponder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What competing priorities do we see in the Pharisees' discourse of John 9:16?</li> <li>2) What does the man born blind's testimony in answer to the Pharisees teach me about my own testimony of God's work?</li> <li>3) The Pharisees were blinded to God's work, leading to disbelief. In what areas does my own disbelief blind me to seeing God at work?</li> </ol>
<i>Head</i> What can I understand?	
<i>Heart</i> How do I respond?	
<i>Hands</i> What must I do?	

SEP 30, FRIDAY

John 9:35–10:21

## Jesus Speaking of the Pharisees

Context	
<p><i>Questions</i> to ponder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In today's passage, the man born blind sees Jesus for the first time. Who in your life has seen God's powerful works and now needs to see Jesus that they may believe?</li> <li>2) Am I able to recognize Christ's voice and differentiate it from the strangers who also call to me?</li> <li>3) How do we recognize other sheep belonging to the good shepherd?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Head</i> What can I understand?</p>	
<p><i>Heart</i> How do I respond?</p>	
<p><i>Hands</i> What must I do?</p>	

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