

Lectionary Study
Tuesdays @ ASK – Oct. 13th, 2020
6:30 – 8:00pm

Introduction:

Welcome! Tuesdays @ ASK returns this Fall in a familiar format. For the next several weeks, we will continue with our Lectionary Study using the readings from the previous Sunday. The purpose of the study is to dig more deeply into the Scriptures both individually and together. Whether you are veteran participant in our Faith Formation programs or brand new to this kind of study, we are glad to have you join us.

Format:

On Tuesday nights, we will gather together over Zoom. The first 10 minutes will be set aside to give people time to join the meeting and for us to spend some time catching up. At 6:40pm, we will open in prayer and then look at each of the 3 readings from the previous Sunday, using a series of questions to guide our reflections and contributions. A document with the readings and questions will be sent out each Monday to give you time to look at them before we meet.

Preparation:

- 1) Participate in the weekly worship service – either in person, through YouTube Live, or via Zoom call-in. Note: the service can also be viewed later if you are not able to attend on Sunday morning. If you require help accessing the service, please contact the church office (office@allsaintskingsway.ca) and someone will be in touch.
- 2) As you listen to the readings and sermon during the service, take note of any questions or insights you might have. Consider making note of them to share on Tuesdays.
- 3) Take time in advance of Tuesday evening to re-read the Scriptures from Sunday and to work through the questions sent through the weekly email. If you are interested in digging into the passages more deeply, you may want to engage some other methods of study too, such as reading the passage out loud, looking at different translations, and consulting commentaries or Study Bible notes. Reflect on how the sermon intersected with the readings as well.
- 4) Consider spending some time in prayer either before or after you go through the questions. You could simply invite God's presence into your reflection or utilize one of the methods Rev. Brian covered in the Learn to Pray series earlier this year. If you were not able to attend the series and would like the resources, please contact Rev. Brian. (revbrian@allsaintskingsway.ca), and he will send them to you.

Follow-Up:

After the study, consider what questions you are left with or areas where you may require further conversation or pastoral care. The clergy welcome hearing from you on these matters.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Questions:

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What do you think it means to be a “cheerful giver?”
3. Why does how we give matter?

The Psalm: Psalm 65

- ¹ Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
² O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.
⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
⁶ By your^[a] strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
⁹ You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Questions:

1. What details or phrases in the Psalm catch your attention?
2. What descriptions of God's character or activity in the Psalm do you find especially meaningful?
3. How would you relate the Psalm to the previous reading?

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Questions:

1. What do you notice in the reading?
2. Can you make any connections between this passage and the Gospel lessons from the past few weeks?