



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022



Take your Pulse

What flower do you enjoy watching grow in your yard?

What chore around the house is your least favorite?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 11

In most confirmation classes, we would have spent a lot of time on Jesus' teaching about prayer, and instructing us with the words we now know as the Lord's Prayer. We probably did not spend as much time on all those to whom Jesus said, "Woe." The word Woe has an origin as an exclamation of lament. Jesus is greatly saddened by those who would rather hold onto power, and corrupt ways, than experience the newness of life offered by the Gospel. Jesus laments that these will not receive his message of newness. Jesus laments the pharisees and lawyers who burden others with strict rules while finding solace in how the rules benefit them. And Jesus knows that if you want to stay in your power-hungry, corrupt ways, you will always try to outwit the Gospel, but the Gospel is never outwitted.



Start the Thinking

Abraham Lincoln once quoted the saying by Jesus, a house divided against itself cannot stand. How is our "kingdom" divided against itself today? What is needed to bring healing in our broken world? (and no, the answer is not so simple as saying 'Jesus')



Conversing with God

O Holy God, we keep asking, and wonder if we will receive. We keep knocking, hoping the door will be opened. We still search, but we haven't found what we are looking for yet. Be the beacon of light beckoning us to your feet where we will receive all and more that we could ever ask for. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.