MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Luke 11:28
"But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Read Luke 11

1. Jesus asks what father, in response to his son's request "… for an egg, will give him a scorpion?" The egg however, is useless until it is cracked open. How does this action reflect His promise in this week's bible memory verse?
2. Jesus gives the people a clear choice about Himself in verse 20. What does it mean to you that "the kingdom of God has come upon you"? How does your choice reflect His promise in this week's bible memory verse?
3. What did men of Nineveh do when they heard the preaching of Jonah (v 32)? How did their choice reflect this week's bible memory verse?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, let me always seek to clearly hear your Word through the guidance of your Holy Spirit and to be joyfully obedient to Your will.***

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Read Luke 12

1. Jesus says to "fear him who … has authority to cast into hell". He also says "Fear not". How can we control our fears? How do Christians, facing martyrdom, calm their fears? How do they (we?) rejoice in times of trials and tribulations?
2. Jesus calls the man who says to his soul, "relax, eat, drink, be merry" a what? What are the man's priorities? What are our priorities when we do not give to God our first fruit offerings? (See Luke 12, 31.)
3. Referencing v.31, Jesus tells us that he came to bring, not peace on earth but rather, division. What does He mean? Isn't he called the "Prince of Peace"? What is eschatology?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, let our hopes and dreams always be guided by Your love and Your will in our lives.***

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Read Luke 13

1. Jesus tells us (v.5) that we have to repent. If not, we will _____. How do you share the Gospel with someone who tells you they have nothing to repent?
2. To people who say they ate and drank with Jesus, in v.27 (NIV, a bit different from ESV), He says. "I do not know you or where you came from. Away from me, all you evildoers." These are "churchgoers" ("We ate and drank with You"). What is the purpose of excommunication? Is it an act of love, justified righteousness, protection of the faithful, other? (Mathew 18, v.15)?
3. Jesus clearly saw his looming death in Jerusalem. What was His lament (v.34)? What is God's will for His disobedient children?

- **Prayer Focus:** ***Let us daily repent of our sins and beg your forgiveness.***

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Read Luke 14

1. What group followed Jesus most closely (v1)? Did their knowledge of Him lead to repentance? Why or why not?
2. In the parable of the Great Banquet, (v 12-24), Jesus says the master calls those in the highways and hedges to come to the Banquet. How does this relate to our societies' desire for social justice? What is the Christian response to those in physical need as well as spiritual? Has the American Christian church lost its vision to reach out to the poor?
3. Christ calls us to "count the cost" of discipleship. What does this mean? The German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, wrote of book called *The Cost of Discipleship*. If you've read it, what was the cost for him?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, lead me to be tender and generous towards the "outcasts" of our society.***

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Read Luke 15

1. What does verse 24 say about the heart of God?
2. How do we react to the lost being found (v.28)?
3. Would you rather "squander your property with reckless living" or stay in faithful obedience in the Father's house? Which choice does Satan promote? How is "eat, drink and be merry" an empty promise?

- **Prayer Focus:** ***Lead me to fast this week – perhaps a treat, or a meal, or for a day. Let me turn my heart from earthly desires to spiritual ones.***

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Read Luke 16

1. Is the parable of the Dishonest Manager promoting worldly "shrewdness"? What does Jesus mean in verse 9?
2. The story of the rich man and Lazarus starts "There was a rich man …" Is this an account of a past actual event or a parable? The rich man calls for Lazarus to be resurrected and speak to his brothers. Who did Jesus specifically resurrect (John 11:43-44)? What was the response of the scribes and Pharisees (John 12:9-10)?
3. "No man can serve two masters …" (v.13). How does this relate to Mathew 4, v.9?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, help me enjoy your physical creation as part of my worship of You.***