



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022



Take your Pulse

What time of day gives you the most joy?

What time of day is your least favorite?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 10

Luke continues to express Jesus' woes. In this chapter, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum are three cities that are clearly in the path of Jesus saying "Woe!" It doesn't sound very graceful. After all, Jesus just rebuked James and John who wanted to bring fire and brimstone down on a Samaritan village who rejected him. This is certainly one of those situations that make understanding the Gospel very difficult. Because immediately following this exclamation of Woe, we have Jesus demonstrating what a neighbor looks like, a neighbor is one who shows mercy. The contradiction is not easy to reconcile, and it reminds us why it is difficult to lift one passage up and say—here is all you need to know. For sometimes being chastised is mercy. Sometimes being bandaged is mercy. Sometimes not understanding is mercy. Sometimes fully getting it is mercy.



Start the Thinking

We are so used to hearing the Gospel in small chunks, we often don't see the different sides of the Gospel all laid out before us—as we do when we read the Gospels straight through. What has been the biggest challenge for you as you have been reading the Gospels this summer?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, we need neighbors in this world. We need neighbors who offer mercy, who bandage wounds, and provide for comfort and relief. Empower me to be the neighbor this world needs. 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.