

# Allelon Sunday School for June 17, 2007

## Opening Prayer

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 5

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
*give heed to my sighing.*
- 2 Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and  
my God,  
*for to you I pray.*
- 3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
*in the morning I plead my case to you,  
and watch.*
- 4 For you are not a God who delights in  
wickedness;  
*evil will not sojourn with you.*
- 5 The boastful will not stand before your  
eyes;  
*you hate all evildoers.*
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies;  
*the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and  
deceitful.*
- 7 But I, through the abundance of your  
steadfast love, will enter your house,  
*I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in awe of you.*
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies;  
*make your way straight before me.*
- 9 For there is no truth in their mouths; their  
hearts are destruction;  
*their throats are open graves; they flatter  
with their tongues.*
- 10 Make them bear their guilt, O God; let  
them fall by their own counsels;  
*because of their many transgressions cast  
them out, for they have rebelled against  
you.*
- 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy.  
*Spread your protection over them, so that  
those who love your name may exult in  
you.*
- 12 For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
*you cover them with favor as with a  
shield.*

### Stand as Leader Reads Luke 7:36-8:3

### Move to Building Groups After Building Groups time, Leader Reads 1 Kings 21:1-21

## Closing Prayer

## The Week's Preparation

Start each day's readings with the  
Psalms; then the gospel, then the  
Old Testament.

### Monday

Psalm 80; Matthew 17:14-21;  
Numbers 9:15-23

### Tuesday

Psalm 78:1-39; Matthew 17:22-27;  
Numbers 11:1-23

### Wednesday

Psalm 119:97-120; Matthew 18:1-  
9; Numbers 11:24-35

### Thursday

Psalm 34; Matthew 18:10-20;  
Numbers 12:1-16

### Friday

Psalm 88; Matthew 18:21-35;  
Numbers 13:21-30

### Saturday

Psalms 87, 90; Matthew 19:1-12;  
Numbers 13:31-14:25

As you say each day's prayers, try to  
use phrases from the Scriptures in  
your prayers and to pray for the  
people who were in your Building  
Group this week.

## Extra Innings

If you answer all of the questions on the other side  
of this sheet before 10:45, take a few minutes to talk  
about some of these questions.

1. Look at the first verse of the invitation  
hymn in today's bulletin. As a group,  
decide what the words mean and to what  
the song invites people.
2. Figure out who in your group has been at  
Bogart Christian the longest. Have that  
person tell a story from the earliest Father's  
Day that she or he remembers.
3. Look back at today's Psalm. Where is it  
talking about God? Where is it talking to  
God? What kind of a prayer or song is  
this?

## Building Group Discussion

Get together with the people your own age in your Building Group. Each group come up with three places or times you shouldn't tell jokes, three places or times you shouldn't talk, and three places or times you shouldn't take off your shoes. When both groups have come up with lists, get back together as a group and compare lists. Write your lists below.

## Story time!

Go through as many of these as you can before 10:35:

1. Someone younger than twenty, tell a story about a time at school or at an athletic practice when somebody made a big scene. What exactly happened? How did the situation resolve itself? Everyone else, ask questions.
2. Someone older than twenty, tell a story about someone who "went over the boss's head" at work. What call did the person make beyond her or his authority? Who got mad? Was the person in the right or wrong? Everyone else, ask about details.
3. Someone other than those two, tell a story about a good waiter you've met at a restaurant. What did the person do that went beyond normal waitery behavior? Everyone else, ask what the storyteller actually ate!
4. Someone else still, tell a story about someone who let something go rather than seeking revenge or making sure she or he got paid. Everyone else, ask questions.

## The Crawl: Luke 7:36-8:3

Answer these as a group. If you don't understand, talk with your group until everyone has a grasp on it. When someone says something that makes you think of a question, ASK THE QUESTION OUT LOUD!

1. What is Jesus doing when the story begins? With whom is he eating? Why is Jesus always eating with people in Luke? With what kinds of people does he eat?
2. How does verse 37 identify the woman? How is she like the other people in the room? How is she different? What does this scene look like? (Use your imagination!)
3. What does the Pharisee say to himself? How does he imagine the woman to be different from himself? If he's wrong, why is he wrong? If he's right, why?
4. Look at the story that Jesus tells. Why is he talking about creditors and debtors? How would people have gotten into debt back then? How do they today?
5. When Jesus calls Simon out in verses 44-47, what has Simon done wrong in Jesus' eyes? What has the woman done right?
6. Why does Jesus' forgiving sins scandalize people?
7. Who travels with and helps out Jesus in the close of this passage? How does each help out? If someone wrote a book about you, which people would be listed as your helpers?

Return to the sanctuary by 10:45, but only after you've really dug into those questions!