

# Allelon Sunday School for June 24, 2007

## Opening Prayer

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 42

- 1 As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
*so my soul longs for you, O God.*
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
*When shall I come and behold the face of God?*
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night,  
*while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"*
- 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God,  
*with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.*
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?  
*Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help*
- 6 and my God. My soul is cast down within me;  
*therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.*
- 7 Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;  
*all your waves and your billows have gone over me.*
- 8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
*and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.*
- 9 I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?  
*Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"*
- 10 As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,  
*while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"*
- 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?  
*Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.*

### Stand as Leader Reads Luke 8:26-39

### Move to Building Groups

### After Building Groups time, Leader Reads Isaiah 65:1-9

### Closing Prayer

## The Week's Preparation

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

### Monday

Psalm 89:1-18; Matthew 19:13-22;  
Numbers 16:1-19

### Tuesday

Psalms 97, 99; Matthew 19:23-30;  
Numbers 16:20-35

### Wednesday

Psalms 101, 109; Matthew 20:1-16;  
Numbers 16:36-50

### Thursday

Psalm 105:1-22; Matthew 20:17-28;  
Numbers 17:1-11

### Friday

Psalm 102; Matthew 20:29-34;  
Numbers 20:1-13

### Saturday

Psalm 108; Matthew 21:1-11;  
Numbers 20:14-29

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. Get the bulletin out and talk about the first three people or groups on this week's prayer request list. Who are they? Why do they need prayer right now?
2. Look at the elders and deacons scheduled to serve communion today. Who are they? How did some of the people in your group get to know these people?
3. What is the title of today's sermon? Since it's about the same text that you read as a group, look back at the text and try to guess what Ben is going to talk about in today's sermon.

## Building Group Discussion

Get together with everyone in your Building Group. Imagine that you've all been shipwrecked on a distant island (a plane crash would be too *Lost*). As a group, decide what five things you'd hope to salvage from the boat. Then list the five things you'd most hope **not** to find on the island. Everyone in your group should agree on all ten items.

## Story time!

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

1. Someone younger than twenty, tell a story about someone who seemed big and bad until the authorities (teachers, parents, principals, coaches, or whoever) came around the corner. Did they look different when the real people in charge showed up? Everyone else, ask questions about what the storyteller saw and heard.
2. Someone older than twenty, tell a story about a new boss coming in and about people who didn't like her or him. Say why people liked the old way better, whether they were right or wrong for preferring the old way, and whatever seems good to tell. Everyone else, ask questions about how things changed.
3. Someone other than those two, tell a story about being in a group of scared people. How did they act differently than other times? What kinds of things did they say differently? Everyone else, ask the person about the details of the situation.
4. Someone else still, tell a story about animals doing strange things. What did the animals normally act like? What triggered the strange occurrence? Everyone else, ask questions.

## The Crawl: Luke 8:26-39

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. Look at verses 26 and 27 closely. Are Jesus and his disciples close to or far away from home? What do they see? Do you think this kind of sight was more common or less in Jesus' day than in our own? Why? What would you have thought, seeing this?
2. How does the demon respond to Jesus' call? What had the demon done to the man before after breaking the chains? What does the demon's name mean?
3. Remember that this is historically Israel's land. What is so important about pigs being there? Does it have anything to do with Legion? (Grownups, help out here.)
4. What does the man look like in verse 35? Why are the people afraid?
5. What happens to the people around in verse 16? What is their response to this emotion?
6. Mission means "being sent." Where does Jesus send the healed man? What is he to do when he gets there? Why do you think Jesus does this?
7. If you were to return to your home and tell what God has done for you, whom would you tell? What would you say? What would be the most important things to say about Him?

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