

Allelon Sunday School for July 15, 2007

Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 82

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;

in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan; *maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.*

4 Rescue the weak and the needy; *deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*

5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding,

they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *and fall like any prince."*

8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth; *for all the nations belong to you!*

Stand as Leader Reads Luke 10:25-37

Move to Building Groups

After Building Groups time, Leader Reads Amos 7:7-17

Closing Prayer

The Week's Preparation

Each day's Scripture readings are now available automatically from <http://bogartchristian.org> for your devotions.

As you say your prayers each morning or evening (or, even better, both), 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 first hymn in today's bulletin. As a group, decide what the words mean and how they put into words the goodness of God.
2. Find out which of your group members (if any) remembers being in church after a major natural disaster happened on the news. How was the experience different?
3. What kinds of things will the youth be doing in coming weeks? (Check the bulletin if you don't know.) What kinds of good things will come from each?
4. Look at the last three people in the first column of the prayer requests in today's bulletin. Someone in the group fill the others in on who they are and why they need our prayers.
5. Look at today's Psalm that we read. Which parts are talking about God? Which parts are talking to God? What's happening in the rest of it?

Building Group Discussion

Get together with everyone in your Building Group. Come up with three pairs of names: each pair should name two groups of people who just don't like each other. To give a goofy example, Cubs fans and Cardinals fans don't like each other at all. For each, talk for a few minutes about why they don't like each other.

Story time!

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

1. Someone older than twenty, tell a story about some good advice you've received. Who gave it? When, if ever, did it come in handy? Was it a new bit of wisdom or a reminder for you? Everyone else, ask questions.
2. Someone younger than twenty, tell a story about someone trying to get on a teacher's or a coach's good side. What are the phrases (repeatable in church) that people use to name such action? Everyone else, pitch in your own (repeatable in church) names for such people.
3. Someone other than those two, tell a story about someone who got help from unexpected sources. Everyone else, be sure to ask about what the person saw and heard.
4. Someone else still, tell a story about one of your neighbors in a physical, lives-next-door sense. Someone ought to have something good to say.

The Crawl: Luke 10:25-37

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. Jesus is continuing the journey that he began two weeks ago. Before you start today's lesson, someone who was here last week catch everyone up on what happened in Luke 9:51-10:20.
2. Which law is Jesus talking about in verse 26? Why do you think that Jesus responds to the lawyer's question with a citation from that law?
3. Does the lawyer quote any of the Ten Commandments? Why not?
4. In the story that Jesus tells, what three people pass the wounded man? As a group, try to make sense of what separates the three, or at least makes two more like each other than the other.
5. What motivates the Samaritan to stop and help? Who else, in recent weeks, has been motivated by the same thing? (Hint: look above the baptistery, and look in Luke 7.)
6. How does the meaning of "neighbor" change from verse 29 to verse 37? Why do you think Jesus pulls this switcheroo?

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