

Today (World Communion Sunday):

October 5, 2014

Scripture Focus: Joshua 24:14-18; Philippians 3:10-14

[Joshua said to the people] “So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone.”

The people replied, “We would never abandon the Lord and serve other gods. For the Lord our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. So we, too, will serve the Lord, for he alone is our God.”

(from Joshua 24:14-18, NLT)

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 3:10-14, NRSV)

Notes from Worship:

How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?

Questions for Discussion:

- How might The Lord’s Supper help you recommit to serving God alone?
- In what sense has Christ Jesus already made you his own?
- What might it look like this week for you to know the power of Christ’s resurrection and to share in his sufferings?

This Week: **October 6 - 11**

Scripture Readings:

Monday 10/6	Tuesday 10/7	Wednesday 10/8	Thursday 10/9	Friday 10/10	Saturday 10/11
Exodus 5-9	Exodus 10-13	Exodus 14-18	Exodus 19-21	Exodus 22-24	Exodus 25-28

Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

Monday

What do you think about Moses' initial lack of confidence in these chapters? Which plague jumps out to you the most? Why?

Tuesday

Why were the people to eat unleavened bread during the first Passover?

Wednesday

On a scale of 1-10, how terrified would you have been if you were part of the Exodus people being pursued by Pharaoh's armies? Explain.?

Thursday

What is the "first word" in what we typically call the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:2)? Why is this important?

Friday

Which laws spoken in Exodus 21-23 stand out to you the most? Why?

Saturday

Why do you think so much care is taken to describe the Ark, the Tabernacle and the Priestly Garments?

Taking Scripture to Heart:

We will have monthly times in worship for reviewing and reciting passages together that we are taking to heart. Our first memory text is **Deuteronomy 26:5-10a**, the "Covenant Recital". Take some time this week to begin memorizing this text as well as any other text that you would like to put to memory.

Next Sunday: October 12

Theme: Judges in the tribal confederacy

Scripture Focus: Judges 1-4, 6-9, 11, 14-16