



7 JULY 2024

Welcome

Welcome to church this morning. We hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary readings

This week 7 July, 2024

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Next Sunday 14 July, 2024

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Rev. Gail on Study Leave.

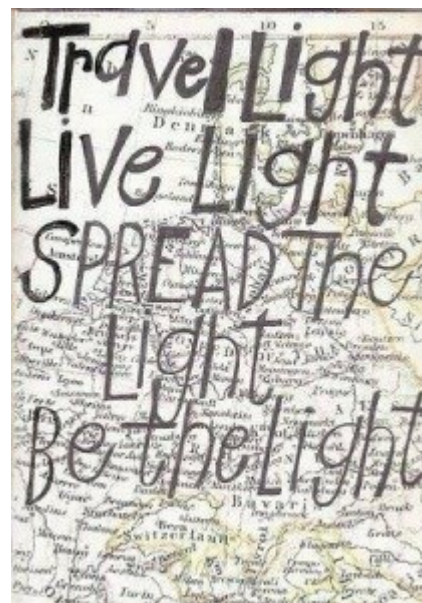
Gail is still on study leave this week. For urgent matters please contact Sue at the office and/or leave a message on Gail's mobile 0407269162.

5 Lessons from today's reading

1. Don't Be a Christian Alone
2. Remember that Jesus Is the Boss
3. Travel Light
4. Don't Get Discouraged When You Fail
5. Don't Be Afraid to Tell the Truth

"All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten." - Robert Fulghum

- *Share everything.*
- *Play fair.*
- *Put things back where you found them.*
- *Take a nap every afternoon.*
- *And when you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.*



**How are these items all related?
Come to church on Sunday and
find out!**



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Mark 6:1-13

Here are five lessons from our gospel reading that Jesus teaches us today on how to live as his followers:

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Lesson 1 – Don't Be a Christian Alone

Throughout Jesus' ministry, when he calls disciples, the first thing he does is make them part of a community called the church. He calls us into this community too because he knows there is no such thing as a lone-ranger Christian. We need his help and presence, but we need each other's help, too.

Lesson 2 – Remember that Jesus Is the Boss

When we go into the world, we go because Jesus has given us the authority to do so. He's the boss, but he's put us in charge. That is the mission of the church: To do what he has commanded with the trust and confidence that we are doing what the boss wants. But we should also remember that we are just in charge until Jesus returns.

Lesson 3 – Travel Light

We are supposed to travel light when we go on the mission that Jesus sends us on. Why? Because travelling light means that we are trusting in Jesus; we don't need a back-up plan, we only need to follow instructions, and trust our boss.

Lesson 4 – Don't Get Discouraged When You Fail

As we go on our mission, there will be some that will refuse to hear us, for whatever reason. All we can do with them is entrust them to God and move on. It is not our responsibility to successfully bring God's kingdom to our world. It is our task to enter a community, do as Jesus asks, and if we are not welcomed there, to shake the dust off our feet and move on.

Lesson 5 – Don't Be Afraid to Tell the Truth

Our world is quick to offer false gods and false hopes. It always has, and it always will. As followers of Jesus, part of our task is to point this out, and to remind the world that there is only one God, and only one source of hope.

We are very dependent on God: on our Creator, for this world in which we live; on our Savior, who came to rescue us from our sin and brokenness; and on the Holy Spirit, who was given to us to help us in the mission to which we are called.

Five simple lessons we can learn from today's gospel reading. Five things we can do to get back to the basics. And my prayer is that we live these lessons faithfully, until the boss, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, returns and invites us to rest.

- Adrian.