

18 October 2015

PENTECOST 21B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

Jesus gives us an example of service.

meattime prayer

Lord, you fill each cup, you fill each plate. Help us your love to imitate. Amen.

verse for the week

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

MARK 10:45

blessing

May you know the love of Jesus, your Saviour. May you grow in serving others, reflecting the heart of Christ. Amen.





Share your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOUREYS** FAITH TAIK.

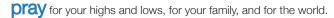


read and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

| Sunday | Mark 10:35-45 | The Son of Man came to serve |
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| Monday | Jeremiah 31:7-14 | The Lord will ransom Jacob |
| Tuesday | Luke 22:7-27 | The service of Christ |
| Wednesday | Galatians 5:13-26 | Serve one another in love |
| Thursday | 1 Peter 4:7-11 | Use your gifts to serve others |
| Friday | 1 Timothy 1:15-17, 2:1-6 | Christ has ransomed us |
| Saturday | Psalm 55:1-8,16-18 | The Lord ransoms me |
| Sunday | Mark 10:46-52 | Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus |



talk about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss some of the ideas in ROUNGY DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES.



bless one another using this week's blessing or make up your own.



for the Home





. Faith Talk

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt important.
- Who is considered important in your town or city? Why?
- What makes someone great in God's kingdom? (read Mark 10:43-44).
- How did Jesus make himself the "slave of all"? In what ways can we follow his example?



2. Devotional Practices

Jesus told his disciples that following him would involve suffering (Mark 10:39). In your household devotion times this week, pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Visit the website www.persecution.org to read about specific people and situations in need of prayer.



3. Service

There are many in our churches and communities who serve God and others humbly and faithfully, without much recognition. Identify one such person you would like to honour. Send them a thank you card or prepare a small gift for them in recognition of their efforts.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Introduce into your home life the practice of recognising ways in which household members have served Christ through their words or actions, however large or small. This could take the form of a weekly or monthly gathering where Servant of Christ certificates are handed out to each household member, noting ways in which God has used them to show his love to others.





