

Boss Christ is our Peace

Monday, 7/28/08 – Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

My Observations _____

A Question to Answer: All human community is based on commonality -- people having something in common. Our commonalities hold us together when disagreements and normal stresses and tensions would drive us apart. List some communities and associations you are part of -- and the commonality that holds them together. ... In God's New Humanity it is our common allegiance to Christ as Lord that holds the New Humanity together. This week we'll explore the meaning of Christ as Lord. ... Notice today's reading where Paul speaks of Jesus as both "their Lord and ours." ... What has been your experience? When you meet someone and discover that they too are a follower of Jesus, has that given you a sense of connectedness with them? Describe your experience.

Tuesday, 7/29/08 – Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: Paul says that what he proclaimed, what he taught, was that Christ is Lord. (See verse 5.) ... Lord is not part of our normal vocabulary any more. At it's most basic level, "lord" means a person who has authority, control, or power over others; a master, chief, or ruler. Maybe "boss" is a pretty good synonym. Do you think of Jesus as "the boss"? Would you be willing to give God that authority in your life?

Wednesday, 7/30/08 – Read Romans 14:7-9

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: God's promise to us is that God will be with us throughout our living ... AND that this personal relationship with God does not end with death. When we make Jesus the Boss in our lives, we're entering a relationship that promises to last for all eternity -- way beyond our dying. ... How does this feel to you? Write down your reaction. ... In your prayer today, talk to God about your openness to God's invitation to an eternal relationship.

Thursday, 7/31/08 – Read John 13:1-14

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: So what does it mean to let Jesus be the Boss ("Lord") in our lives? ... Today's reading makes that pretty clear: follow his instructions; do what he said to do; serve people the way he did. ... If Jesus is the Boss in your life, whom is he asking you to serve -- today? If Jesus is the Boss in your life, what will you do -- today -- to follow his instructions?

Friday, 8/1/08 – Read John 13:34-35 and 1 John 2:7-11

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: "Love" is such a difficult word for us. It is used so many different ways to mean so many different things. Yet we know that it points to the very heart of our relationship with God. ... Finally, the New Humanity is about love, loving the people God loves, loving people the way God loves -- knowing that it is our common allegiance to the Lordship of LOVE that binds us together as the people of the

New Humanity. ... When Jesus said for us to love each other, how do you think he meant it? Write down what you think Jesus' definition of love might have been.

Saturday, 8/2/08 – Read 1 John 4:7-21

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: Divine Love is not something we manufacture out of our own resources. Our loving is always a response to God's love. God loved you first. Do you know that? Do you know that God loves you passionately and with abandon? ... In those moments when you "get it" -- when you "get" how God loves you -- what does that stir up in you? ... The New Humanity is not something we produce out of our own resources or by our own efforts. We are stirred up to love each other by our God who loved first. ... Think for a moment about all this and jot down your responses.

Sunday, 8/3/08 – Read Ephesians 2:13-22

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: Today we return to the "theme passage"

-- "Christ is our peace" (verse 14) -- God is creating "one new humanity" (verse 15). ... Because Christ is your Boss and my Boss, you and I are brought together in peace; we are both part of God's one New Humanity! ... Name one thing you want to do today, this week, this month, this year to express your participation in God's one New Humanity.

My Faith Journal, July 27, 2008

The New Humanity #11 (Last)

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What do I want to remember out of today's message?

What action do I intend to take as a result of today's message?

Each day this week, take some time. Begin with PRAYER. READ through the Bible passage indicated on the inside of this guide. WRITE your thoughts, reactions, observations. ANSWER THE QUESTION to begin connecting the Bible with your life experience. Use additional paper or your own notebook if you need more space to write.