

Faith Trip

Monday, 06-15-2009 – Read Matthew 23:23-32

My Observations _____

A Question to Answer: Jesus is speaking here. He seems angry against the religious people who are living their lives by a set of rules, and missing the big picture. How do you feel that Jesus wants us to live, and how can we relate religious practices to that?

Tuesday, 06-16-2009 – Read John 10:1-10

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: If we believe Jesus is the gate, like he describes himself as in this parable, then it makes sense that we should follow him. And he says if we follow him, we will have a full life. Have there been times in your life when you weren't listening to Jesus and felt your life wasn't as full? What would a full life look like to you? What do you think a full life would look like to Jesus?

Wednesday, 06-17-2009 – Read Luke 8:40-56

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: This is one of my favorite stories of Jesus, and seeing his compassion. Jesus lived in the present. So often, I get caught up living in the past and future, and the present is insignificant. Jesus wasn't upset by interruptions.

He used them to show the compassion of God. What are some ways that we can live out our faith in the present?

Thursday, 06-18-2009 – Read John 17:20-26

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: This is the last prayer of Jesus before he is arrested and sent to be crucified. I think it's interesting that he is praying for those who will believe in Him and he's praying for them to be in unity. I don't think it's surprising to say that the church hasn't been very unified in the past, but this is what Jesus was praying for right before his arrest, when he could have been praying for friends, family, or even himself. I don't think it would have been selfish to pray for himself at this particular time. So, if unity was important to Jesus, what are some ways to help begin unifying the Christian church as a whole.

Friday, 06-19-2009 – Read Mark 12:28-31

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: This is a famous passage and numerous sermons and Bible studies have been done on this passage. So often, we complicate things so much when thinking about how to follow Jesus, and here he gives us such a simple command. Who are your "neighbors" that you can show radical love to this week?

Saturday, 06-20-2009 – Read **Galatians:6:9-10**

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: “Let us not grow weary in doing good.”
“Let us do good to ALL people.” Christians don’t have the best
reputation to some people in the world right now. What are
some stereotypes that you feel that unbelievers think about
Christians? Do you know people who think like this? How
can we begin to bridge the gap between the negative
stereotypes and the truth that Jesus teaches us about how to
live?

Sunday, 06-21-2009 – Read **John 3:17**

My Observations: _____

A Question to Answer: The most famous verse in the Bible
precedes this verse. But I think it is interesting that Jesus
didn’t come to condemn the world but to save it. Paul says in
1 Corinthians 5:12, “what business is it of mine to judge those
outside of the church?” I think Christians have spent a lot of
time focusing on how people should live. Instead I think Jesus
wants us to take care of people, love people, pray for people,
and tell people about him without forcing our faith down
throats. Can you think of creative ways that we can share the
truth and love of Jesus with people who don’t believe?

What do I hear God saying to me today?

What action do I intend to take this week?

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