



Grow – Pray - Study

Hastings United Methodist Church



Adventure By The Park
March 8th Luke 8:26-39

The Gospel of the Nobodies “The Demon Possessed”

Day	Read	Theme
MONDAY 3.9.15	Luke 8:22-56	The power to calm all storms
TUESDAY 3.10.15	Luke 9:1-27	The King who came to give
WEDNESDAY 3.11.15	Luke 9:28-50	What does true greatness look like?
THURSDAY 3.12.15	Luke 9:52–10:24	He determined to go to Jerusalem
FRIDAY 3.13.15	Luke 10:25-11:13	Parables, priorities and prayer
SATURDAY 3.14.15	Luke 11:14-54	Confronting the self-righteous

Monday – Archaeologists found a boat from Jesus’ time in mud at the bottom of the Sea of Galilee (visit www.jesusboat.com/boat.php.) Such a small boat, with only a sail or oars for power, must have seemed terribly inadequate to deal with a violent storm. What “storms” are you facing for which your human resources seem inadequate? How can you open yourself to Jesus’ power and love, letting him help bring you peace as you face those storms?

Tuesday – In what ways have you had to answer Jesus’ question: “What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives?” (verse 25) What choice(s) do you face that promise gain, yet might cost you your values, self - respect or honor? In what ways can you gain the strength and self-knowledge to make the right choices?

Wednesday – The drama of the scene was stunning: Jesus’ face and clothes flashed like lightning, Moses and Elijah appeared, and God’s presence manifested in a cloud overshadowed Peter, John and James. In the midst of it all, God’s voice said of Jesus, “This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!” Here’s a straightforward question for you to ponder: what does it mean for you to listen to Jesus? Are you willing to do it?

Thursday – Jesus had a vital talk with the seventy-two after their mission ended. They were thrilled with their outward, visible success, but Jesus re-directed their thoughts. In verse 10:20, how did he turn their eyes to the true basis for Christian joy and confidence, regardless of outward appearances?

Friday – After teaching them the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus gave his disciples an insight into “answered prayer” (Luke 11:11-13). He compared the “good gifts” parents give their children with God’s gift of the Holy Spirit to all who ask. But, of course, often we’re not asking for the Holy Spirit. What things are you praying for today? If God answers by giving you the Holy Spirit’s presence, will you thank God for that or be upset that you didn’t receive the other thing you asked for?

Saturday – Sometimes our efforts to “clean up our life” don’t work out, Jesus said in verses 24-26. It doesn’t help much just to clear out the bad, to give up hurtful habits. What are some positive ways you have learned to allow God to fill your soul with divine purpose and love? Verses 34-35 urged us to examine how well our eyes—not just physical, but spiritual—are working. Jesus’ enemies blinded themselves spiritually by refusing to consider any evidence that didn’t fit what they wanted to be true. In what ways has God brought new light to your mind, to your ways of thinking, over the last year?

March 15th Luke 15:2 The Gospel of the Nobodies “Prostitutes and Prodigals”