

Schedule of Bible Readings for Lent 2012

“Jesus and the Elephant Man”

Week 2—March 4-10

Monday 3/5 Genesis 1:26-31

This passage tells of the creation of human beings in God’s image.

Questions to ponder as you read: What are some of the implications that follow from the statement that we are made in God’s image? What does it mean to you personally that you are made in God’s image? What does mean to you personally that others, even people you don’t like or agree with, are made in God’s image?

Tuesday 3/6 Psalm 8

This is a psalm that praises God’s majesty, but also his care for human beings.

Questions to ponder as you read: In what ways are human beings “a little lower than God”? How has God “crowned [us] with glory and honor?” Considering the vastness of all creation, why do you suppose that God “is mindful” and “cares for” us human beings?

Wednesday 3/7 Galatians 3:27-29

This passage celebrates the reality that in Christ, all human differences have been eradicated, and all who believe are on in Christ.

Questions to ponder as you read: How is it that our baptism and faith in Christ unite us with all other Christians, regardless of our differences? What are some ways we experience that unity with other Christ-followers? In what ways are we still making differentiations between ourselves and people we perceive as being different or even inferior? In what ways do these divisions tend to dehumanize those we discriminate against?

Thursday 3/8 Psalm 139:13-18

God knows us from our mother’s womb.

Questions to ponder as you read: How does it feel to know that the number of God’s thoughts of us are greater than the number of all the grains of sand on the earth? In what ways does it seem to you that human beings are “fearfully and wonderfully made”?

Friday 3/9 Mark 2:13-17

The Pharisees are scandalized that Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners.

Questions to ponder as you read: Why were the Pharisees so upset with Jesus? Why did Jesus spend so much of his time and energy with outcasts? Who are the outcasts of today, and how would Jesus minister to them? How are we called to do the same?