

02-13-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The beatitudes and the woes challenge us to ask what it is that we value and what it is that we reject, in relation to faithful Christian living.”

- Peter Eaton



Jeremiah 17:5-10 † Luke 6:17-26

Questions for Reflection —

- When and in what facets of your life have you experienced dryness/drought? What nourished and strengthened you during those difficult times? What practices are presently grounding for you? What nourishes your faith life? Where are your deep roots? What do you need in order to be more spiritually grounded?

- How and to what extent do the blessings and woes inform your personal understanding of what it means to live a life of Christian discipleship? What challenges you most? Where and how in your daily life do societal values bump against God’s kin-dom values? What values take precedence for you when that happen? What would simplicity in living look like for you in the face of materialism and consumerism valued by society?

- What forms of social, economic, and political injustice most concern you? In what ways are you complicit? What can you do to resist such injustice? How can our congregation be agents of God’s grace and love to people experiencing physical, financial, or emotional hardship and struggle? How can we make Jesus’ words of blessing a reality for those who are marginalized and oppressed?

Daily Household Prayer

God of life, in Christ You resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of Your grace in our lives through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.