

## ***You've Got the Time***

### **Reflection Questions**

Each question corresponds with the reading of the day for 40 days.

#### **Week Two**

##### **8. Mark 12-16**

When questioned by the scribes on which commandment of the law is the greatest, Jesus reduced the entire law to two: love God with everything that you are and love your neighbor as yourself. Not long after uttering these words, Jesus showed the length he would go to live them out through his Passion and death. Upon seeing the way in which he did this, even the Roman centurion cries out, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" Does your life exemplify this dual command enough that others around you would recognize it and declare that you too are a child of God committed to loving God with everything you are and your neighbor as yourself?

##### **9. Luke 1-4**

These stories of Jesus' infancy and childhood point to the fact that from the very beginning the stage was set for Jesus to be extraordinary. Surely as Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age" he must have reflected back on some of these special signs so that he was prepared to move forward with his ministry when, at his baptism, he heard the voice say, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." Looking back over your own life, can you see signs and hints of the extraordinary things that God has planned for you? Are you ready to respond to the call of the Father who tells you that you are in fact his beloved and finds great pleasure in you?

##### **10. Luke 5-9**

This section of Luke's gospel is dedicated to the idea of discipleship: from the call of the first disciples, to the selection of the twelve, to the women who accompanied Jesus and provided for him, to the commissioning of the twelve to proclaim the kingdom of God and to cure the sick. Are you prepared, no matter how unworthy you might feel, to follow Jesus, to leave behind boats and nets and careers for the sake of being his disciple? Are you prepared to offer up what you have of yourself for the sake of the mission of making sure that "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them"?

##### **11. Luke 10-13**

Jesus told Martha that she worries about too many things and that her sister, Mary, in choosing to sit at the feet of the Lord and listen to his teachings, had chosen the better part. How much time do you spend "at the feet of the Lord?" could you do better?

##### **12. Luke 14-19**

Here scripture focuses on the Kingdom of God. We are told: to be a disciple requires total dedication to the Kingdom; living kingdom values requires attention to the poor; the kingdom belongs to those with a total trust in God the Father; the Kingdom has everything

to do with God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Reflect on how well you are living Kingdom values. What are your areas of strength? How can you do better?

**13. Luke 20-24**

The disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. Do you think you would have recognized him? Are you able to see Christ in all people?

**14. John 1-5**

The first words of John echo the first words of the Book of Genesis, "in the beginning." This is the Gospel writer's way of telling us that Jesus is a new beginning for God's people. Jesus came into the world but the world did not know him, people did not accept him, his words, or his works. We can say the same today. As a disciple, do you know Jesus intimately? What can you do to tell the "good news" about Jesus, the Word of God to others?