

JUNE 26, 2016
SIXTH SUNDAY
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Following Jesus means serving others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus
Monday	Galatians 5:1-25	Christian freedom
Tuesday	Luke 9:21-27	Following Jesus
Wednesday	Luke 5:27-32	Levi follows Christ
Thursday	Matthew 13:1-9	A crop is produced
Friday	Ephesians 5:1-9	The fruit of the light
Saturday	Psalms 92	The fruit of the righteous
Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the Seventy-Two

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

All that the Law says can be summed up in the command to love others as much as you love yourself. **Galatians 5:14 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, set us free to serve each other with love. Amen. (Galatians 5:13)

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for the fruit of the earth. Produce in us the fruits of your Spirit, so that our lives are ripe with love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's Spirit be at work in you, producing fruits of love. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is something that you “put off” doing? Why?
- In Luke 9:59-61, Jesus asks people to follow him, but sometimes they put it off because of other agendas. Jesus responds by pointing out that following him is the top priority. When is it hard to make Jesus our top priority?
- Galatians 5:13-25 states we are set free to love our neighbor. What enslaves us so that we do not love our neighbor? Tell about a time you were set free to love your neighbor.

DEVOTIONS

Make a “tree” shape out of paper and cut out “fruit” shapes marked with the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22-25. In your home devotion times this week, talk about and pray for these fruits in your lives. As you do, place the fruit shapes on your “tree.”

SERVICE

Some followers of Jesus today still give up “home, family, and means of income” to share him with others. Do you know of anyone who has done this (such as missionaries in other countries)? If not, ask your pastor or church friends to suggest someone to you. Find his/her address and write a note of encouragement and thanks.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

As a fun household activity, work together to make a fruit salad. Buy a selection of different fruits and work together to peel and slice them up. As you enjoy eating the salad, affirm each other for the fruits of the Holy Spirit you see revealed in them. For example, “**I saw the fruit of love in you when . . .**” or “**I saw you being patient when . . .**”



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