

Pentecost 16 Year A, September 13th

Presenter: Rev Jon Humphries

Focus Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Message: 7 minutes 02 seconds

"Who Are We to Judge?"

Discussion Starters

1. What did you hear in this presentation which was new for you?
2. Where have you encountered tension or arguments where following the way of Jesus has caused division within the church or with those outside the Church
3. How might we use the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 and marks of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 to help us in our disagreements?
4. What actions in our community as the Church might we do to undo the view of Christians being hypocritical and morally judgemental?

Readings for this day

Exodus 14: 19-31 God went before his people, leading them out of Egypt and now moves behind them to deliver them from the army of Egypt. Israel passes through the sea on the dry ground.

Psalms 114 The Psalmist declares that as Israel went out of Egypt, God's dwelling was among them. The sea, the mountains, and the earth tremble at the presence of the Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35 Matthew grounds the life of Christian community in the ethic of forgiveness telling the story of merciful king who forgave a debt of a servant. That servant refused to forgive the debt of one who owed him and was called to account.

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Intergenerational Talk

"Forgiving Like We've Been Forgiven"

Rev Jon Humphries

Length: 5 minutes 48 seconds

Precis of IT:

Forgiving the wrong in others is never easy, but we all like to think that when we do wrong, we will always be forgiven and no grudges will be held. The story of the man who received forgiveness and then went out and did not forgive another who owed him money was written to remind us we are all loved because we are God's. Means we should be like God, forgive as we have been forgiven.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 114 - pages 331-332

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