

Greystanes GrapevineThe weekly newsletter of Greystanes Uniting Church



6 FEBRUARY 2022

Welcome to online worship

Please join us for online worship via our Facebook page. This week, Trish Rooney is leading our service.

Lectionary Readings

This week February 6, 2022:

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Next Week February 13, 2022:

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will resume this Tuesday 8th February at 3pm in the chapel. Please bring your mask, covid protocols will be in place.

The new study is "Ephesians - Wholeness for a Broken World". This is an 11 study series and we meet fortnightly. Anyone interested in joining the study please speak to Gwen or Heather.

Men's Group

Men's group are resuming this week and will meet on Monday night at 7.30pm in the chapel. Please bring your mask, covid protocols will be in place.

Thoughts on Luke 5:1-11

Although they have just brought in the greatest catch of their fishing careers, Simon Peter, James, and John leave those boatloads of fish behind and follow Jesus (1:11). Their encounter with Jesus has completely reoriented their lives.

Throughout Scripture we see that human sin, failure, and inadequacy are no obstacles to God's call. God calls imperfect people to do God's work, people who are aware of their unworthiness and are often doubting and resistant to God's call. God doesn't wait for them to shape up. God calls them as they are and then works on shaping them into faithful servants.

How often do we resist Jesus' claim on our lives because what he is calling us to do seems too crazy, too impractical? How often do we avoid putting out into the deep waters of following and bearing witness to Jesus because we are convinced that we will not see any results?

Jesus' word to Simon Peter is also a word to us: "Do not be afraid." This is Jesus' mission, and we trust that he will keep working with us and through us, "catching" others as he has caught us — in the deep, wide net of God's mercy and love. We trust, finally, that the catch is in God's hands, and that God's desire is for the nets to be bursting and the boats full.

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