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READINGS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. What does Proverbs add to the situation in the Gospel? *See Proverbs 3:9-10, 6:10-11, 8:12, 18, 20-21, 10:4, 14, 11:4, 16, 28, 12:9, 13:7, 11, 22, 14:24, 14:20, 23, 15:6, 27, 16:8, 18:11, 19:14, 21:5, 22:1, 4, 7, 27:23-24, 28:6, 8, 11, 22*
2. What does it mean to be rich toward God?* *See Deuteronomy 15:11; Proverbs 31:9, 20; Isaiah 10:1-4; Amos 8:4-13; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4, 12, 19-21, 24-34; Luke 6:20-26; Romans 6:22-23; 2 Cor 6 1-10; 1 Timothy 6:18-19; James 2:5, 5:1-3; Revelation 3:14, 17-18, 19:7-8 (cf. Isaiah 61:10)*

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4. Jesus talks about money more than anything else in the gospels— & usually names money as a dangerous spiritual power. Why is this the case?* *See #1, 2; Proverbs 10:22; 1 Timothy 6:9-10*

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Congregation are notorious for placing their trust in buildings & furnishings (cf. *Revelation 3:1-6*). Most congregations couldn’t fill all their seats on Sunday (or even 80%) if they tried their hardest. How can your congregation connect with **the overwhelming majority** of neighbors who don’t care one whit about that old building? How has this preaching series “On the Road with Jesus” help you put into action the truth that ministry happens out on the roads & pathways of everyday life?
6. Our culture is plagued with record debt & consumerism. What can the church of Christ do to bear witness to a better way of life?* *See Proverbs 3:28, 6:1-5, 22:7; Romans 13:8; Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5-6; James 4:13-17. In your Lutheran Study Bibles by Concordia Publishing House, read the article “Five Reasons to Give Tithes & Offerings” p1092.*

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Series: On the Road with Jesus

07.31.22
Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

“Material Girl”

To travel with Jesus requires all things to serve the good of all.

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: [Jesus] said to them, “Take care!
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