

Luka 21: 25-36—Kutarajia Tumaini

Hofu inatuzunguka. Hofu ya kuruka, buibui, kuzungumza kwa umma ... Tumeshindwa-tunaogopa kushindwa tena.

Tumesumbuliwa-tunaogopa tutaumiza tena.

Fedha ni tight-tuna tuna kutosha kupata?

Uhusiano ni ngumu-ni thamani ya kujaribu?

Mataifa katika vita. Ongezeko la joto duniani. Maafa ya asili.

Maandiko yanayozungumzia "ishara za nyakati", mara nyingi hujawa na hofu. Yoeli 2: 1-2; Amosi 5: 18-20; Zekaria 1: 14-15

Lakini Siku ya Bwana inaelezewa kwa maneno ya huruma na baraka. Isaya 4: 2-6; Amosi 9: 11-15; Zekaria 14: 6-9

Kwa wale wanaojua na kufuata Yesu Kristo, hofu si njia ya kuishi. Mungu anataka kuchukua nafasi ya hofu kwa tumaini.

Yesu alikuja kuleta ukombozi. Anaitua tukae macho, kusimama mrefu, kuangalia juu, tumaini maneno Yake, na usalie daima.

Hofu inatangaza kama Mungu atakuja 'kwa ajili yangu.

Matumaini badala ya Hofu

Tafuta njia-wiki hii-ili kuonyesha tumaini, huruma, na baraka kwa mtu. Inaweza kufanyika kwa siri au kwa uhusiano.

Kuleta uhakikisho wa uwepo wa Mungu kwa hali isiyo na tumaini au isiyo uhakika. Ombeni kwa mtu au watu wanaohusika, iwe unawajua au la. (Ombeni nao au kimya kwao.)

Weka hali na hisia zako.

Wiki ijayo: *Jumapili ya 2 ya Advent, Programu ya Watoto*

Luke 21:25-36—The Anticipation of Hope

Fear is all around us. Fear of flying, spiders, public speaking...

We've failed—we fear failing again.

We've been mistreated—we're afraid we'll be hurt again.

Money is tight—do we have enough to get by?

Relationships are hard—is it worth trying?

Nations at war. Global warming. Natural disasters.

Scripture references to the “signs of the times”, are often framed with fear. Joel 2:1-2; Amos 5:18-20; Zechariah 1:14-15

But the Day of the Lord is described with words of mercy and blessing. Isaiah 4:2-6; Amos 9:11-15; Zechariah 14:6-9

For those who know and follow Jesus Christ, fear is not the way to live. God wants to replace fear with hope.

Jesus came to bring redemption. He calls us to stay awake, stand tall, look up, trust His words, and pray always.

Fear wonders if God will ‘come through’ for me.

Hope Instead of Fear

Find ways—this week—to demonstrate hope, mercy, and blessing to someone. It can be done secretly or relationally.

Bring assurance of God's presence to a hopeless or uncertain situation. Pray for the person or persons involved, whether you know them or not. (Pray with them or silently for them.)

Jot down the circumstances and your feelings.

Next week: *2nd Sunday of Advent, Children's Program*

Desemba 2, 2018 Jumapili ya kwanza ya Advent

MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 95 (Uliza Roho wa Mungu kuongea na wewe.)*

Jumatatu: *Mathayo 3*

Jumanne: *Wakolosai 1: 9-23*

Jumatano: *Yohana 18:33-37*

Alhamisi: *Isaya 43: 1-21*

Ijumaa: *Waebrania 10: 11-25*

Jumamosi: *Zefaniya 3: 14-20*

Mungu Mwenye Nguvu, ambaye alitujia kwetu zamani katika kuzaliwa kwa Yesu Kristo, tupate kuzaliwa ndani yetu leo kwa Nguvu ya Roho Mtakatifu. Tunatoa maisha yetu kama nyumbani kwako na kuomba neema na nguvu za kuishi kama watoto wako waaminifu, wenye furaha daima.

Kupitia Yesu Kristo Bwana wetu, Amen.

December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 95 (Ask God's Spirit to speak to you.)*

Monday: *Matthew 3*

Tuesday: *Colossians 1:9-23*

Wednesday: *John 18:33-37*

Thursday: *Isaiah 43:1-21*

Friday: *Hebrews 10:11-25*

Saturday: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Almighty God, Who came to us long ago in the birth of Jesus Christ, be born in us anew today by the power of You Holy Spirit. We offer our lives as home to You and ask for grace and strength to live as Your faithful, joyful children always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.