

Feb. 22-27

Monday, February 22, 2010 *Read: Luke 9:37-45* During these days of Lent, we will follow Jesus as He makes His way to Jerusalem. Following His glorious Transfiguration it doesn't take long for Jesus to be faced with unbelief and sin. **Prayer starter: During Lent ask the Lord to sharpen your hearing so that you might take to heart His Words of truth and salvation.**

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 *Read: Luke 9:46-50* Not exactly the humble group of disciples, was it? How often are we given to thinking that the church wouldn't exist unless we play a major decision-making role? **Prayer starter: Pray today for a child-like faith that trusts Jesus no matter what.**

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 *Read: Luke 9:51-56* Many Bible scholars call verse 51 the "pivot point" of the Gospel of Luke. Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem, the city of destiny. Notice again how much the disciples have to learn – you don't call down nuclear fire from heaven just because folks reject the Gospel. **Prayer starter: Ask God to help you be resolute in attending worship and Bible class during the Lenten season.**

Thursday, February 25, 2010 *Read: Luke 9:57-62* These are hard sayings from Jesus. The Lord is making a strong statement so that all who would seek to follow Him know the truth: to be a follower of Jesus means that there will be times when we will have to reorder the priorities of everyday life. **Prayer starter: Is there something you have or do that makes it difficult to wholeheartedly follow Jesus? Seek the Lord's help in giving it up!**

Friday, February 26, 2010 *Read: Luke 10:1-16* The 72 return from their mission trip with the exciting news that even demons submitted when the name of Jesus was invoked. The vision of Satan falling from heaven is a vision of the ultimate judgment of Satan and all his minions. **Prayer starter: Give thanks to Jesus that He was willing to fight on your behalf, the devil, "the old, evil foe."**

Saturday, February 27, 2010 *Read: Luke 10:17-22* Notice how Jesus calls His followers, "little children," surely a term of endearment. It was God the Father's will to make known to little children the way of salvation, which is in God the Son. **Prayer starter: Thank God today for having been made of child of God through Baptism.**