

### Thoughts on John 10:22-30, from *Discipleship Ministries*



What makes you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Lord, the Son of God, your personal Savior? What makes you believe so much that you have become one of his disciples? What makes you believe so much that you want to tell others about him so they will follow him too?

There is no single, right answer to this question. Furthermore, this is a question that each one of us must answer for ourselves. We must answer it not only with words, but with actions. Because if we do believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, we have to not only say it and tell others, but we have to live out that confession of faith with our whole lives. Because just as Jesus testified to his identity by the way he lived his life, so must we testify to our faith in him by the way we live our lives.

The Easter Season is an excellent time to give witness to faith in Jesus Christ. It is a time to share stories of the saints who have walked before us, those whose lives have borne witness to their deep and abiding faith and whose loving actions have taught us how to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are Jesus' people and the sheep of his pasture. No longer do we live according to our own passions and desires, but each of us has died to his or her old self and has been reborn as a member of Christ's body. And now, all together, as one body in Christ, we carry out his mission and ministry in the world. We have taken on his great commission to go out and make disciples of the whole world, and we have taken to heart his command whereby the world recognizes us as his disciples; namely, that we love one another.

Let us not forget who makes us to lie down in green pastures and leads us beside the still waters and restores our souls. Let us not forget that it is truly the Lord who is our shepherd, and that we should not wait until we are ready to be put in our graves to let those words be recited over our names.

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## This Week at Inca



### Refugee Family - Update

In February Inca was matched with a Syrian refugee family living in Turkey. In a rare turn of events our family, a mother with two small children, declined coming to Canada because she didn't want to be separated from the rest of her extended family. In late March we were fortunate to be matched with another refugee family. This family is also from Syria but currently living in Lebanon. They are a husband and wife with a 3-year old son, a daughter who turns 2 in July and a baby on the way in mid-August. The wife understands a little bit of English. Both parents have high school level education. The husband is an electrician by trade. The refugee committee is busy preparing for their arrival. Their exact travel date is unknown at this time. Our best guess is that they will arrive in Oakville by the end of June.

Thank you everyone for all the generous donations of toys, household items and furniture for the refugee family. We have almost everything that a family will need. Here is a list of items we are still looking for:

- diaper bag, activity mat, infant clothing (onesies, sleepers, receiving blankets), washcloths
- laundry basket, drying rack, iron and ironing board, plunger
- broom and dust pan, bucket and mop
- tools
- tablet
- garbage cans for bathroom and bedrooms, small garbage bags
- fire extinguisher, batteries

If you have any of these items, please give them to Leslie Hickey



### Parish Business

Michael will be away starting Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> and will return to the office on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please give a warm welcome to Reverend Hollis Hiscock this weekend.

### Meetings:

Parish Council – Sunday, April 24 after the 10:00 Service  
Please forward your reports to Jim Stevens by Friday, April 22 by 5pm



### Choir Practice –

The choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:30. Share your voice, all welcome.

In April, rehearsals will take place on April 20, and are cancelled 27. In May the choir will meet on May 11 and 25 (May 4 and 18 are cancelled.)



### Wing and a Prayer – Thursday, April 28, 2016

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Rob Moniuk ([Robert@Moniuk.ca](mailto:Robert@Moniuk.ca)).

Everyone is welcome!



### Contemplative Fire – This Sunday, April 17, 8:00pm.

Are you looking for time to reflect, meditate and recharge your spiritual life? Each meeting begins with a communal sharing of food followed by quiet and intentional reflection in the gathering area. The response to this has been very encouraging. We continue to see new faces at each meeting and look forward to growing this community. For more information, please speak to Michael. All are welcome.



### Bible Study – *Raising Issues*

**begins May 5** Thursday evenings from 7:30-9pm

May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, in the Education Room.

Led by Mervyn Russell, discussing one resurrection passage from each of the gospels and from 1st Corinthians. A study guide will be available on line at [mervicia@yahoo.ca](mailto:mervicia@yahoo.ca) or from the church office. No previous knowledge of the bible is necessary. All views are respected. There is no charge. Please contact Mervyn if you are interested in coming.



### Continuing to Break the Silence Workshop Series

Tuesdays 6-9:30pm at Incarnation

A series of three workshops to explore vital personal and relational areas of mental health. Contact Karen Pitt for more information [karpitt@gmail.com](mailto:karpitt@gmail.com) 905-467-4780

April 19 - Caring for the Relationally Damaged



### Youth Group Events-

For info contact Phil Carver at [incayouthprogram@gmail.com](mailto:incayouthprogram@gmail.com)



### St. Luke's Vacation Bible School

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's Church

For children in JK through to Grade 5, as of September 2016

Meet new people and have fun while learning about the Christian faith. Application forms are available in the office.

## Community News



### Earth Week Clean up Saturday, April 23, 9-11am

Pitch-in at one of 44 nature sites in Oakville and help make a difference for our health, biodiversity and the natural environment of our community. Details at [oakvillepeacecentre.org](http://oakvillepeacecentre.org)



### Interfaith Peace Walk Sunday May 15th from 12:30-2:30

Organized by the Interfaith Council of Halton in partnership with various community groups, houses of worship, schools and the Town of Oakville. Meet in Centennial Square to hear some words of inspiration and music before the walk begins.



**Mendelssohn's *Elijah***

Saturday, May 7 at 8pm – St. Matthew Catholic Church, Oakville  
 Sunday May 8 at 3pm, – Metropolitan United Church, Toronto

Presented by Masterworks of Oakville Chorus and Orchestra, with the Univox Choir of Toronto. Featuring our very own Charlene Pauls!

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$15 for students – children 10 and under are free. [www.masterworksofoakville.ca](http://www.masterworksofoakville.ca)

**This & That**



**Buy Good Coffee** – Available in the office

Delicious, organic, Arabica coffee grown by women in Peru who are paid above fair trade prices. \$15 for a 1lb bag, \$10 for a 10oz bag.

Remember, 30% of the proceeds will be donated to the missions of Incarnation.



**Computer Collection**

Do you have an old PC you no longer use? Please consider donating it to Ewan Lorimer who will strip the bad parts and sell the good ones. He'll donate 25% of his profits to the church. Ewan can also rebuild old PC's so they run better.



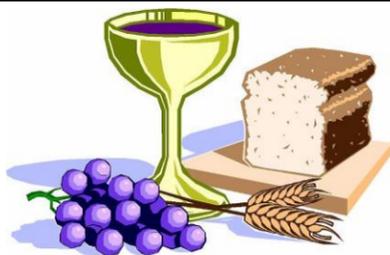
**Looking to volunteer?**

We have lots of way you can get involved. Positions include: altar prep, greeters, readers, hosts and coffee preparation. **Youth** can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided. Contact Claudine Boulert, at [boulert@rogers.com](mailto:boulert@rogers.com) for more information, or call 905-825-2851.



**Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News** - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. [office@incarnationchurch.ca](mailto:office@incarnationchurch.ca)

**Nametags** let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



**Receiving Communion**

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion where all are welcome.

| VOLUNTEER!          | April 17    | April 24          |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Bread Making</b> | J. Lockhart | C. Surphlis       |
| <b>Altar Prep</b>   | M. Stevens  | A. MacNaughton    |
| <b>Coffee</b>       | Adensamer   | L. Hickey         |
| <b>Coffee</b>       | Bowden      | Gowing            |
| <b>Host</b>         | L. Bird     | D. Bold           |
| <b>Reader 1</b>     | B. Gowing   | D. Lusby          |
| <b>Gospel</b>       | M. Russell  | E. Lee            |
| <b>Prayers</b>      | V. Klayh    | J. Bowden         |
| <b>Server 1</b>     | K. Pitt     | L. Hickey         |
| <b>Server 2</b>     | D. Bold     | B. Hanna-Morrison |
| <b>Wine Cups</b>    | Z. Boulert  | C. Boulert        |
| <b>Counting</b>     | G. Hughes   | J. Raitt          |