

# Welcome to Bible Study 18 September 2022

## “REAL LIFE STORIES”

Welcome everyone to the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Opening Prayer Please pray together

Glorious Trinity, make your presence known in this place, through our worship, our prayer, and the reading of your Word. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, within whose unity lies all that is you, perfect love, justice, peace, and power. As we gather here today, your body, your church throughout this world, fill our outstretched hearts with your spirit, encircle us with your love. Make yourself known to us in new ways, exciting ways, challenging ways. Empower us, Inspire us, Glorious Trinity! Amen.

**Q 1 Many of us heard the sad news about the passing of our Queen. How did you feel?**

### Worship

Amazing Grace 

As the deer pants for the water 

O For a thousand tongues to sing 

### Word: Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

<sup>8</sup> he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.

<sup>9</sup> He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

## **Word: Luke 16.1-13     The Parable of the Shrewd Manager**

16 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ <sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

<sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

**Q 2 Jesus told parables to challenge us. He used them to help us live in the real world. What is your favourite parable?**

**Q 3 Do you use who you are and what you possess to bring about transformation in your community?**

**Q 4 Do we separate the sacred from the secular? Jesus wants us to be faithful with the resources we have to build community. Please discuss**

### **Works**

Who can we reach out to in our community this week ?

### **Ending prayer** Please pray together

For the Spirit of Peace that calms our mind and stills our life, we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Love that touches hearts and reaches out, we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Joy that lifts our soul and gives us faith we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Power, that gift of grace for this your church, we give you thanks, Amen.

### **Shalom**

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