

## **June 11**

### Luke 12:1-9

In these verses, Jesus teaches that there will be times when we are faced with the choice of whether or not to stand up for him.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Has there been a time when you could have boldly proclaimed that you were a Christian but didn't? Has there been a time when you *did* stand up for Jesus, even though it was risky?

#### *Prayer:*

Almighty God, I have no doubt that the time will come when I have an opportunity to stand up for Jesus and be open about my faith in him. I pray that when the time comes, you will be with me, strengthen me, and give me the courage to do your will and stand with Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **June 12**

### Matthew 10:34-42

This passage teaches more about the cost of following Jesus. This time - changed relationships.

#### *Question to Consider:*

The coming of Jesus forces each of us to choose – either we are with Jesus or we are not, and the sad truth is that when we choose to follow Jesus, not everyone will like it. Can you think of a relationship you've had that has changed – maybe even ended – because you are a Christian?

#### *Prayer:*

Father God, I want to maintain relationships with people who mean a lot to me, and yet even more I want a strong relationship with Christ. The coming of Jesus forces me to choose and I know that there may be someone who doesn't like the choice I have made. Help me to remain firm in my choice, and also help the people who don't understand, that the day will come when they join me in receiving the love of Jesus. It is in Christ's name that I pray, Amen.

## **June 13**

### Luke 7:18-23

John the Baptist had baptized Jesus, but then Jesus' ministry did not unfold in the way John expected, so he began to have questions. While John was in prison, he sent his disciples to visit Jesus.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Have you ever expected someone to conduct him/herself in a particular way, but then the person did something much different? How did you react?

#### *Prayer:*

Loving God, help me to remain faithful to Jesus, even when he does the unexpected. I pray that I never doubt that Jesus is the Christ, the messiah. In His name I pray, Amen.

## **June 14**

### Matthew 11:7-19

In these verses, Jesus testifies about John the Baptist.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Jesus praised John the Baptist for his faith and his commitment to God. Is there someone you can think of who stands out as a person of God – as one who genuinely lives out his/her faith on a daily basis? Who? What makes that person stand out?

#### *Prayer:*

Merciful God, thank you for faithful people you have put in my path who help show me the way. I pray for them this day, and I pray that I, too, will always be a person who lives out the faith I proclaim. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **June 15**

### Matthew 11:28-30

In this short passage, Jesus offers comfort and hope to all of us.

#### *Question to Consider:*

In what area of your life do you feel weary and burdened?

#### *Prayer:*

Father God, much of my life is good, but I feel weary and burdened about *(name the area of your life where you feel burdened, and freely share the details with God)*. I pray that the promise of these verses will come true in my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.