

## Week of April 8 & 15, 2018

### **Our Part in the Story:**

Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

**Thomas    John 20:19-31**

*Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.*

**Monday: Seven Chosen to Serve    Acts 6:1-7**

❖ Have you ever been blessed and prayed over for work you have been called to do?

**Tuesday: The Arrest of Stephen    Acts 6:8-15**

❖ Stephen had the wisdom and power of the Spirit behind his words. Have you ever experienced the witness of a person who carried God's truth, despite powerful opposition?

**Wednesday: Stephen's Speech to the Council    Acts 7:1-22**

❖ Stephen recounted the stories of the fathers of the faith. Which of these ancestors' stories resonates most with you?

**Thursday: Stephen's Speech to the Council    Acts 7:23-43**

❖ How was Stephen like Moses?

**Friday: Stephen's Speech to the Council    Acts 7:44-53**

❖ Why do humans feel the need to build a house to contain the Most High God?

**Saturday: The Stoning of Stephen    Acts 7:54-8:1**

❖ Have you ever held your ground and defended your faith against dangerous opposition? What is that like?

## **Week of April 15, 2018**

### **Our Part in the Story:**

Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

#### **Paul's Conversion Acts 9:1-19a**

*Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.*

#### **Monday: Saul Preaches in Damascus Acts 9:19-22**

❖ What would you think if someone who had previously been violently opposed to the gospel suddenly was preaching it? Would you believe them?

#### **Tuesday: Saul Escapes from the Jews Acts 9:23-31**

❖ What are dangers facing those who speak difficult truths?

#### **Wednesday: Peter in Lydda and Joppa Acts 9:36-43**

❖ How do you reconcile what we know of a God of love with the actions in this text?

#### **Thursday: Peter and Cornelius Acts 10:1-18**

❖ What has God blessed in your life that has surprised you? What have you called unclean that God has called clean?

#### **Friday: Peter and Cornelius Acts 10:17-23a**

❖ The Spirit spoke to Peter about Cornelius' men. What do you think this voice sounded like?

#### **Saturday: Peter and Cornelius Acts 10:23b-33**

❖ How do you define "fear of the Lord"?

## Week of April 22, 2018

### Our Part in the Story:

*Daily readings text*

Paul and Silas Acts 16:16-34

*Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to your daily experiences.*

Monday: Paul and Silas Acts 16:35-40

❖ Would you be willing to perform all of your difficult or controversial actions in public?

Tuesday: The Council at Jerusalem Acts 15:1-11

❖ How does this scripture model an effective way to correct believers who have gotten off track?

Wednesday: The Council at Jerusalem Acts 15:12-21

❖ Have you heard preachers who hold the assembly in silence by the power of the Word they preach? What made them effective?

Thursday: Timothy Joins Paul and Silas Acts 16:1-5

❖ Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised?

Friday: Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia Acts 16:6-10

❖ How do you know when the Spirit is forbidding or encouraging your actions?

Saturday: The Conversion of Lydia Acts 16:11-15

❖ Why do you think that the conversion of Lydia, a woman, was significant enough to have been included in this account?