

Schedule of Bible Readings for Lent 2012

“Jesus and the Elephant Man”

Week 3—March 12-16

Group meeting Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Monday 3/12 Mark 14:32-36

This passage recounts Jesus’ anguished prayer on the night before he was crucified
Questions to ponder as you read: Why do you suppose Jesus was “distressed and agitated”? What was he trying to avoid? What does it mean to realize that Jesus had a will separate from his Father’s will? How do we know when we are doing our own will, and when we are doing God’s will?

Tuesday 3/13 Matthew 13:24-30

This passage recounts a parable of Jesus concerning weeds amongst the wheat.
Questions to ponder as you read: What do you think the weeds represent? What does the wheat represent? What do the slaves want to do with the weeds? What does the householder tell them to do instead? Have you ever been tempted to try to get rid of the weeds? Are you the weed in someone else’s wheatfield? How would you feel if someone tried to “pull you up”?

Wednesday 3/14 Genesis 3:1-7

This passage tells the story of Adam and Eve’s disobedience in the Garden of Eden
Questions to ponder as you read: Of what significance is it that God allows Adam and Eve to make the choice to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Instead of just telling them not to eat from that tree, what would have happened if God had simply not given them the choice? What does it say about free will that human beings are allowed to make mistakes?

Thursday 3/15 Matthew 23:37-39

Jesus’ lament over Jerusalem

Questions to ponder as you read: Do you think God finds it difficult to accept our choices? Based on Jesus’ words, how do you think he responds?

Friday 3/16 Romans 14:1-13

Do not judge one another

Questions to ponder as you read: What does this passage tell us to do instead of judging one another? Why does it say we should not judge one another? Are there situations where you find yourself judging others, or trying to change their behavior?