

Terms:

- Indulgence:
- Merits:
- Priesthood of All Believers:
- Protestant
- Reformation:
- Saints and Sinners:
- Sola Gratia, Solum Verbum, Sola Fide:
- Universal Church (invisible church)

Small Group Time

- Check In: Highs and Lows
- Homework
- Memory:
 - OT books, NT books, Creed, 1st article, Ephesians 2:8-9
- Small Group Business:
- Prayer Requests:

Bible Time:

Young Luther grew up thinking of God as a stern, angry judge. When he began to study the scriptures and later taught the books of Psalms and Romans, he saw a different picture of God. Find words in each of these chapters showing God in a powerfully positive light.

- Psalm 23
- Psalm 27
- Romans 8

Thought Time:

- Have you ever protested anything? What would motivate you to protest?
- Martin Luther was moved to protest when Johann Tetzel came to town promising forgiveness of sins to people who would purchase an “indulgence” from him. Why did Luther have a problem with this?
- If we can’t buy forgiveness and salvation by doing good things, why do anything good? (Romans 6:13-18)

Homework/ Family Time

Memory: 2nd Article of the Apostle’s Creed

Daily Readings:

Day 1:

- Matthew 8:28. Where did these men live? What do you think they looked like?
- Matthew 8:29. The demons knew that Jesus was the Son of God---the Messiah. How can you tell that they knew what their fate would be?
- Matthew 8:30-32. What happened to the demons?
- Matthew 8:33. Do you think that the pig-herders were going to give a good report, or bad? Why?
- Matthew 8:34. 2 demon-possessed men were healed! Why were the townspeople so angry that they wanted Jesus to leave? (Hint: think \$)
- Do you think people can be possessed with demons today? Why/Why not?

Day 2:

- Matthew 9: 1-2 Jesus went to Capernaum and some men brought their paralyzed friend to get healed. What do you think they felt when Jesus said that He forgave their sins?
- Matthew 9: 3 They thought Jesus was usurping God's authority to forgive sins—He had no right to, in their eyes.
- Matthew 9:4-7. How did Jesus prove that He had the authority to forgive sins?
- Matthew 9:8 What would your reaction have been if you were in the crowd?

Day 3:

- Matthew 9:9. This Matthew is the author of the book we are reading. This simple verse tells us how Jesus invited him to be a follower. How does Jesus ask you to follow him?
- Matthew 9:10-13. The Pharisees thought that Jesus (like them) were too good to hang out with sinners like tax-collectors. Why did Jesus hang with sinners? (Jesus came to save the Pharisees as well. They, too were sinners, they just didn't see it!)

Day 4:

- Matthew 9:14-15. John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting and Jesus' disciples were not. Why?
- When do you think the time will be that Jesus' disciples will be in mourning?
- Matthew 9:16-17 Old wine in a new wine skin bursts. Jesus was bringing a newness that could not be confined within the old forms of Judaism.
- Matthew 6:18-19 From Mark and Luke we know that this man was a synagogue ruler named Jairus. What was his request?
- Matthew 6:20-21. This woman was probably hemorrhaging (as in having her period) for 12 years! She had spent her whole life savings on "doctors" who took her money and left her still sick, and she was

Memory: Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by _____ you have been
_____, through _____, and this
is _____ from _____, it is the
_____ of _____ ---not by
_____, so that no one can
_____.