

Deepening Our Faith

Journey

Week #17: January 3, 2016

Read the passage. What shines for you in the text? Why do you think that is? What is God calling you to do, change, or become?

This week's daily readings:

Sunday, Matthew 2:1-15. To the readers of the Gospel of Matthew, astrologers coming to see Jesus would have been seen as blasphemous. Pray for strength to love people different from you.

Monday, Mark 1:1-11. You are chosen by God in baptism. Remember your baptism, and realize that God has a mission for you in this new year.

Tuesday, Mark 1:12-15. Repent of anything that still has a hold on you from last year.

Wednesday, Psalm 103:1-5. “Do not forget all his benefits.” Name and thank God for the blessings of the year past.

Thursday, Mark 1:16-28. Picture some friends/family not yet following Jesus. Picture Jesus calling to them. What are they saying in return? How does Jesus respond?

Friday, Mark 1:29-34. Picture Jesus taking your sick friends and family by the hand and lifting them up.

Saturday, Mark 1:35-45. Jesus says “no” to going back to a town and seeing more people. He needs to move on. What do you need to say “no to so you can say yes to God?”