



Scripture Theme 2023-2024

“Seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me.”

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you – plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you **seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me**, and I will change your lot.”

- *Jeremiah 29:11-14*

Background

The biblical prophets, of which Jeremiah is one, were called by God during times of crises to offer God's people challenge or comfort depending on the circumstances. The role of the prophet in the cycle of redemption is to call people back to the covenant with God – to inspire needed change, to give hope for the future, and to name what God wants to say to us. When the people failed God and the covenant, the prophets reminded them of the promises made. When the people felt that God was far away the prophets reminded them of God's promised closeness.

Today, we are called to listen to prophets and to be prophets. Jeremiah's words are timeless. They remind us of God's faithfulness to us and they remind us of our duty to put God first in our lives.

Through a balanced pursuit of contemplation and action we can begin to see God in our midst and act according to God's will. Perhaps the challenge for us this year is to let God in. Prayer, meditation, quiet contemplation, journaling, and small group sharing are all ways we can seek God and God's Kingdom, and share God's wisdom with one another.

The beauty of scripture is that the more we read it, the more we see ourselves in it. As we pray with this year's BSM scripture theme, let the words sit within you – let it call to you and make you anew.

What is it that you need this year?

Questions for Reflection

- As I begin a new school year, what talents/gifts do I bring to my work here at BSM?
- Have there been times when I have experienced God's plan for my life, a plan that was far beyond what I could ask for or imagine?
- God says to me: “Seek me with all your heart.”
 - How easy is it for me to simply be in the Presence of God?
 - What things do I need to change or let go of if I am to seek God more fully?
 - How can I be a witness to those around me, helping them to seek God and experience how their lives can be changed?

