



Be Like Bereans

“...they received the word with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” (Acts 17:11)

When the Apostle Paul came to town, no one knew what kind of reception he would get. Which is why he must have been pleased when the Bereans gave him a good one.

It happened on Paul’s second missionary journey, when he and Silas stopped in the Macedonian city of Berea. Unlike the Thessalonians, who started a riot not long after Paul showed up, the Bereans were “of more noble character” (Acts 17:11) because they not only received Paul’s teaching eagerly, but also examined it biblically.

An Example to Imitate

In this way, the Bereans serve as an example for anyone, anywhere, at any time who listens to the teaching or preaching of God’s word. Whether at church or at home, whether on TV or online, whether on a printed page or radio station, whether on CD or cassette (does anyone still have those?), whether on a hard pew or a La-Z-Boy recliner, we ought to receive the word with eagerness and discernment, like the Bereans.

Approaches to Avoid

On the one hand, it’s possible to be eager but not discerning, like someone who gobbles his food without even knowing what’s being served.

On the other hand, it’s possible to be discerning but not eager, like someone who is too picky to eat anything. We should be neither of those. Instead, like the Bereans, we should eagerly receive the teaching of God’s word, but be careful to make sure that it is in fact the teaching of God’s word.

Questions to Ask

This means having not only an eager heart, but an alert mind and an open Bible. It means asking questions like:

- Is the speaker taking the passage in context, or twisting it out of context?
- Is the speaker bringing out the true meaning of the text, or reading another meaning into the text?

• Is the speaker drawing my attention to the biblical text, or mainly just to him or herself?

• Is this teaching consistent or inconsistent with the rest of Scripture?

• Is the speaker preaching the true gospel, or adding to or subtracting from the gospel?

In this time when we can’t meet together as a church, what a blessing it is to have endless options for hearing the teaching and preaching of God’s word. But, as we do so, let’s be both eager and discerning, like the Bereans, because our own spiritual wellbeing, the health of our church, and our witness to the world depend on it.

Praise & Prayer

PRAISE GOD that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

PRAISE GOD that he is always with us, and has promised never to leave us or forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5)

GIVE THANKS for farmers and ranchers and truckers and grocery store workers, through whom God provides our daily food.

PRAY that God would give our provincial leaders wisdom as they implement the various phases of reopening our province.

PRAY for humility and grace between church members, family members, and friends, as they have differing views and practices regarding COVID-19.

Pray for Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Dave as they prepare online sermons and teaching, that God would make them faithful and fruitful in their efforts.

Sunday Worship Services

At this time we are pre-recording our Sunday worship (singing, sermon, etc.), which is then published on our church blog: <https://www.rowandale.ca/blog/> on Sunday morning before 10 am. These services can be viewed anytime after they are published, but we encourage you to keep the rhythm of Sunday morning worship in your life and family.

Sermon CDs

We are making sermon audio CDs available for those of you without internet access. Each CD will include two recorded sermons. Please phone the church office to request a CD. 204-338-1174

Sermon Manuscripts

We will no longer be mass-emailing the sermon manuscripts, but if you would still like a PDF sent to you each week, email Pastor Jonathan: jkroeker@rowandale.ca

Online Prayer Meetings

NEW DAY OF THE WEEK:

Due to warmer weather and the approaching cottage season, we’ll be moving our online prayer meeting to **Wednesday** evenings at 7 pm, starting May 6th. Look for a weekly email with a link to the meeting. We look forward to having you join us!

May Birthdays

- 2 Claire Heidenreich
- 3 Isabela Giubega
- 4 Susan Kroker
- 4 Eric Roller
- 5 Jule Serger
- 6 Madelyn Reimer
- 6 Naomi Truderung
- 7 Brian Walker
- 8 Louise Braun
- 9 Talia Bloom
- 10 Elijah Bloom
- 10 Nancy Paschke
- 10 Harry Schroeder
- 12 Ana Toews
- 15 Marcia Blair
- 15 Leona Owzarek
- 15 Anna Wiens
- 18 Maia Dalling
- 18 Riley Francey
- 18 Austin Gollub
- 19 Sayda Bloom

- 20 Brian Szydlik
- 24 Michelle Bloom
- 24 Carter Roller
- 25 Mathzuyama Garcia
- 25 Tyson Nachtigall
- 26 Jessica Gollub
- 29 Sonya Paas
- 31 Ruth Garcia

May Anniversaries

- 1 Kevin & Lori Nachtigall
- 1 Holger & Ingrid Reuter
- 6 Jason & Carla Unrau
- 10 Hans & Jule Serger
- 12 Rod & Verna Thiessen
- 15 Hans & Annemarie Ulrich
- 19 Art & Marion Schroeder
- 20 Peter & Doris Kahler-Collins
- 21 Doug & Bev Sheridan
- 23 Sean & Shannon Francey
- 27 Jonathan & Jennifer Kroeker
- 27 John & Rosemarie Winkler
- 28 Victor & Rhonda Kehler



BYO lawn chair & a coffee and come visit (at a safe social distance) with Pastor Jonathan in the church parking lot. Call or email to set up a time to visit on Friday morning or afternoon. jkroeker@rowandale.ca

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2. You can contact our treasurer, Jason Nickel to get set up for regular withdrawals from your bank account (use this option only for regular, ongoing donations)

***Cheques are being processed semi-monthly.**

Due to COVID-19, access to the church building is currently limited to staff, except by permission. Please Call:

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