

The Journey Uniting Church – Bible Reading Plan – August 2011

The Call To Conversion

Week 1 Sunday 7th August- Cut To The Heart

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
7 th Aug	Acts 1:36-41	Matthew 15:1-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Ezekiel 36:24-38	Proverbs 4:23, 14:30, 15:13, 17:22, 27:19, 28:14

How do you feel when you are presented with the gospel message? Do you feel moved? Are you 'cut to the heart'? The bible speaks a lot about the heart. We are told that the Spirit will move us; He will take away our hearts of stone and give us a heart of flesh! This week, allow the Spirit to cut you to the heart; about your own condition and how God has rescued you through His son Jesus Christ!

Week 2 Sunday 14th August- Changing Your Mind

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
14 th Aug	1 Corinthians 1:20-31	1 Corinthians 2	Psalms 30	Romans 6	Philippians 3

Metanoia, which is often translated repentance in the New Testament, means to 'change your mind'. Luther wrote a lot on the topic, the sentiment being that we change our mind from trying to achieve righteousness in and through ourselves, to trusting that we are righteous through faith in Christ (see <http://www.mcm.edu/~eppleyd/luther.html>). This inevitably results in 'acts of righteousness' as we cooperate with The Spirit. This week, rest assured that you are righteous 'In Christ' and be excited about ways in which God encourages you to 'live out' your righteousness.

Week 3 Sunday 21st August- Baptism In Christ

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
21 st Aug	Matthew 3	Acts 8:26-40	Galatians 3:15-29	Acts 16:16-34	Titus 3

The word baptism comes from the Greek word *immerso*, which means to 'completely submerge'. This is why baptism is such a powerful sacrament. It captures the reality of what faith in Christ is all about! We immerse ourselves in His love, forgiveness, righteousness and purposes. This week, you are invited to go even deeper into the waters of Jesus' grace!

Week 4 Sunday 28th August- Baptism In The Spirit

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
28 th Aug	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 20:19-31	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Joel 2:28-32	Psalms 104:19-35

The idea of being baptised in the Spirit is that we are immersed in His anointing, power and gifts! The Holy Spirit loves to fill us from his dwelling on our inside; as well there is a sense in which he 'comes upon' us to empower us for ministry. These are ways in which we experience and describe His wonderful, sweet and dynamic presence in our lives. Why not accept His invitation to be filled this week? (Matt 7:7-12).