

Sept. 11—Oct. 9, 2011

FAITH ALIVE (Habakkuk 2:4)
“...*the righteous live by their faith.*” (NRSV)

Sept. 11—Worship: God is in the House! John 4:23-24 Psalms 63:1-4

Worship is more than just showing up to give some sort of banal acknowledgement to God. Worship at its heart is falling in love with Jesus. God is in the house! And, because God is in the house expressions of worship begin to flow out of surrendered, adoring hearts. Worship moves us to discover more of God’s love.

Sept. 18—Teachings of Jesus: The Way 2Tim. 3:14-17

The teachings of Jesus are not just *a way* they are *the way*. Life works best when we follow the teachings of Jesus. It is significant that we understand that we are not just to *espouse* information about Jesus; rather we are to *engage* ourselves in Jesus’ teachings. When we engage ourselves in Jesus’ teachings we avoid “life-killers” and we learn how to love each other.

Sept. 25—Prayer: Discovery Channel Luke 11:5-13

Prayer brings us into communication with our Father. We can connect with the presence of the Spirit. We can open our hearts to God. Just as important is that we open our spiritual ears to God. When we listen, God speaks. Our minds are renewed, we receive God’s instructions and we are brought into the purposes God has designed for us.

Oct. 2—Relationships: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly! Luke 10:25-37

To have faith means to be in relationship with Jesus. Human relationships become an extension of our faith. Because of Jesus we care about other people’s needs and hurts. We learn to listen. We learn to extend grace. We even learn to help others discover a relationship with Jesus.

Oct. 9—Serving: I Will Follow Him Mark 10:41-45

Jesus modeled servanthood. He even told us that to be like him meant that we must adopt a servant’s heart. Serving doesn’t make us righteous, but serving is something in which righteous people engage. There are many different ways in which to serve. Serving others gets our minds off of ourselves and onto the needs of others and onto Kingdom living.