

12. (Week of August 12, 2018)

**Women in the Ministry of Christ**

**Memory Verse:** *I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.*  
Psa 116:1 (NIV)

- Sun:** John 4:4-30, 39-42 – What can we learn from the example of Jesus' witness to the Samaritan woman and the Samaritan woman's witness to her townspeople?
- Mon:** Mark 5:21-42 – Contrast the desperate plight of these two women. How did Jesus help each of them?
- Tue:** Luke 7:11-17; Matthew 15:21-28 – How did Jesus help each of these mothers? Why did he commend the faith of the Canaanite woman?
- Wed:** Luke 7:36-50 – Why did Jesus commend this "sinful" woman? How have you expressed your love to Christ?
- Thu:** Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-6, 17-44 – Contrast the characters of Mary and Martha. What lessons can you learn from this contrast?
- Fri:** John 12:1-8 (cf. Mark 14:3-9). Why did Jesus defend Mary against her critics? How can we show our love for Christ?
- Sat:** Luke 8:1-3; Matthew 27:55-61; John 20:1-2, 11-18 – What do you learn from these verses about Mary Magdalene? Why do you think she was the first to see the risen Lord?

13. (Week of August 19, 2018)

**Women in the Early Church**

**Memory verse:** *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*  
1 Pet 4:10 (NIV)

- Sun:** Acts 4:32-5:11 – Contrast Ananias and Sapphira with Barnabas. Evaluate the marriage of this couple. Why was God's judgment so severe?
- Mon:** Acts 9:36-43 – How was Dorcas used by God in the lives of others? Why was she so greatly loved?
- Tue:** Acts 16:11-15, 40 – What do you learn here about Lydia? How is she an example to us?
- Wed:** Acts 18:1-4, 18-21, 24-28; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3-5a; 2 Timothy 4:19 – Contrast Aquila and Priscilla with Ananias and Sapphira in Sunday's reading.
- Thu:** Romans 16:1-16 – List all the women mentioned in these verses. What was the ministry of each?
- Fri:** Philippians 1:27; 2:1-4; 4:2-3 – Relate Paul's instruction to Euodia and Synteché (4:2,3) to the principles he taught in 1:27 and 2:1-4.
- Sat:** 2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-17 – How are Lois and Eunice an example to Christian grandmothers and mothers today?

1. (Week of August 26, 2018)

2. (Week of September 2, 2018)