**Bible Study – Luke 11 verses 29 – 32**

**St. Margaret’s July 2024**

Signs

1. By way of introduction, it is helpful to read something of the context of the above passage. Just look at verses 14 – 16. A person who was mute was restored. People were astonished. In this situation why is asking for a sign so misplaced?
2. How would you define ‘sign’ in the context of 11v16?
3. Why do you think people ask for signs?
4. For what reason did Jesus see the generation of his time as wicked?
5. From the perspective of our culture which seeks to be accepting and inclusive the term ‘wicked’ v.29 seems very strong. Why do you think Jesus used it?
6. Jesus says no sign will be give except the sign of Jonah. What do you think the sign of Jonah is? (Matthew 12v40 may help)
7. What is the connection between the sign of Jonah and the gospel?
8. Why is the sign of Jonah actually a sign? Or in what sense is it a sign?
9. What would you say the significance of the death and resurrection are? Is it something we can have confidence in? Has there been any sense that the death and resurrection of Jesus has been a ‘sign’ to you?
10. Why do you think the Queen of the South and Jonah would be condemning of Jesus’ generation? (verses 21 & 32)
11. The stories of the Queen of the South or the Queen of Sheba and Jonah are told in 1 Kings 10 and the book of Jonah. Solomon and Jonah had considerable impact but Jesus is saying something greater and Solomon or Jonah is here. What do you think Jesus is referring to? What is the ‘Something Greater’?
12. What is the relevance of this passage to you and to me?