

“The Follow Jesus Project”

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Thoughts to consider:

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Tuesday, Sept. 15

Scripture to read: Luke 5:27, Luke 19:1-3

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Wednesday, Sept. 16

Scripture to read: Luke 19:1-4, Hebrews 12:1-2

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Friday, Sept. 18
Scriptures to read: Luke 19: 1-8, Psalm 119:18

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