

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, July 25, 2021 (Pentecost 9)

2 Kings 4:42-44

Discussion Starters

1. Why did the servant of Elisha hesitate to share the bread with the hungry men? Where does the bread come from?
2. What is the significance of the man being from Baal-Shalisha? Is it just an extra descriptive fact or does it somehow play into the meaning of the passage?
3. What does the detail about "firstfruits" suggest to you?
4. How does this story compare with Jesus' feeding of the 5,000? Given that Elisha did this, why did Jesus do it also?

Ephesians 3:14-21

Discussion Starters

1. What does Paul ask God to do?
2. What does the promise in verse 20 mean? How have you seen it to be true?
3. How would you describe "the love of Christ" to someone who has never experienced it?

John 6:1-21

Discussion Starters

1. What test did Jesus give to Philip (v. 6)?
2. Why was there more food at the end of the meal than there was before it?
3. What did the disciples fail to see in the feeding of the 5,000 that could have helped them when they were in trouble on the rough seas?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?