

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, December 12, 2021 (Advent 3)

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Discussion Starters

1. What has God promised to do for His people? What reason(s) do they have to “be glad and rejoice?”
2. Which of these actions by God do you believe would make the people who first heard this prophecy the most glad? Which one would make you the most glad? Try thinking about this reading from a different perspective (for example, a Christian facing persecution or a Christian living in poverty). Which one might make them the most glad?

Philippians 4:4-7

Discussion Starters

1. What is the Apostle Paul's plan for dealing with worry?
2. Is it possible to “rejoice in the Lord always?” Why or why not?
3. What is the difference between the different words used in verse 6 for prayer (prayer, petition, thanksgiving, present your requests)?
4. How would you describe the “peace of God” to someone who has never gone to church?

Luke 7:18-35

Discussion Starters

1. What question does John tell his followers to ask Jesus? Why? Why doesn't he ask it himself? How does Jesus answer that question?
2. What things does Jesus point out as characteristics of His ministry? Are those appropriate categories for today?
3. What questions does Jesus ask the people?
4. In what way(s) were the followers of the Pharisees like little children?
5. How did you, in your own faith journey, come to the place where you knew Jesus was “the one?”

WRAP UP

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