

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, January 30, 2022 (Epiphany 4)

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19

Discussion Starters

1. What does it mean to be "called" by God? How does one know if they are being called? Is everyone called to something?
2. How does God's call come to Jeremiah? What are some other "call" stories you remember in Scripture? How does God's call make Jeremiah feel? What excuses does Jeremiah offer?
3. How does God confirm Jeremiah's call? What promises does God make? What assignment did God give to Jeremiah?
4. How do you respond to the idea that God's call to Jeremiah began before he was born?
5. What is God's purpose for your life? How do you know? Or how do you find out if you don't know?

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Discussion Starters

1. Given the importance the Corinthians had been placing on the gift of tongues, what message is Paul communicating in this passage?
2. How would you summarize the kind of love that Paul describes here? What do you think Paul needs to teach about the meaning of genuine love?
3. How could someone develop the ability to love as Paul describes here?
4. Why is love greater than faith or hope?
5. Describe a time when you experienced the love Paul describes here. Describe a time when you demonstrated it to someone else.

Luke 4:21-30

Discussion Starters

1. Why did the people of Nazareth have a problem accepting Jesus?
2. Why does their amazement turn to anger?
3. How do you think their rejection impacted Jesus?
4. What truth is Jesus conveying through the Elijah story?
5. What can we learn from this text about the times we may be rejected for proclaiming the truth?

WRAP UP

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