

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, August 14, 2022 (Pentecost 10)

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Discussion Starters

1. How do you know if a prophet is true or false? How would the first hearers know whether or not Jeremiah was a false prophet?
2. Are there false prophets today? What criteria should be used to make that determination?
3. From where does a true prophet get God's Word? From where does a false prophet get his message?
4. What false image of God did the prophets of Jeremiah's day portray? What false images are portrayed today?
5. What does it mean to stand "in the council of the Lord" (v. 18)?

Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

Discussion Starters

1. In the stories told, which example of faith stands out to you the most? Why?
2. What did their faith achieve for these individuals?
3. How do such stories of faith encourage you? With whom do you have the most in common?
4. Who are the "great cloud of witnesses?"
5. What does it mean to "fix your eyes" on Jesus?
6. Why is the journey of faith a struggle?

Luke 12:49-56

Discussion Starters

1. What "fire" is Jesus talking about? Why does He wish it was already kindled?
2. What "baptism" is Jesus talking about?
3. How and why does Jesus bring division among families? What has He brought to your family: division or unity?
4. How does this teaching of division line up with the contemporary picture of God as "love?" Which is accurate, and why?

WRAP UP

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