

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, June 18, 2023 (Pentecost 3)

Exodus 19:2-8a

Discussion Starters

1. What is the setting of this story? Where does it happen? What has already happened and what is about to happen in the lives of the children of Israel?
2. What does God expect from His people? Why would He have such expectations?
3. What does God promise in exchange for meeting His expectations?
4. What does it mean to be "a kingdom of priests?" What does it mean to be a "holy nation?"
5. What covenant did God expect the children of Israel to "fully keep?" What does it mean to "fully keep" it?
6. How might this text apply to people living today?

Romans 5:1-8

Discussion Starters

1. What does it mean to be "justified?" How does such "justification" happen?
2. What do we gain as a result of our justification?
3. How is it possible to "rejoice in our sufferings" (v. 3)?
4. Why does Paul emphasize that Christ died "while we were still sinners?" What difference does that make?
5. Describe a time when you've seen verses 3-5 at work in your life.

Matthew 9:35-10:23

Discussion Starters

1. What does Jesus see when He looks at the large group of people? What might He see today if He looked upon our city?
2. What did Jesus do before sending out His disciples?
3. What limitations did Jesus put on the ministry His disciples were to perform? Why? What was to be their message?
4. Why do you think Jesus told them to take nothing more than the clothes on their back?
5. What problems would the disciples face? How were they to respond when facing those problems?

WRAP UP

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