

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, June 25, 2023 (Pentecost 4)

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Discussion Starters

1. What accusation does Jeremiah make against God? Why? Is he justified in making this accusation?
2. What opposing emotions are creating tension within Jeremiah? Which one appears to be winning?
3. Describe a time when you have done the right thing and then suffered because of it.
4. How do you handle feelings of anger against God?
5. What evidence is there of Jeremiah's faith in these verses?

Romans 6:1-11

Discussion Starters

1. Verse 1 offers this section's primary question. What is Paul's answer to the question?
2. What does it mean to "die to sin?" And if we are dead to sin, why then do Christians still sin?
3. What does it mean to be a "slave to sin?"
4. What does it mean to be "freed from the power of sin?"
5. What does this passage teach (and not teach) about baptism?

Matthew 10:24-39

Discussion Starters

1. What does it mean to "acknowledge" Jesus? What does it mean for Him to "acknowledge" us?
2. Why would Jesus say that He came to tear apart families?
3. How do we "take up" our crosses and follow Jesus?
4. Are these verses comforting or terrifying? Why?
5. What are practical ways that we can "lose our lives" this week?

WRAP UP

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