

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, October 29, 2023 (Reformation Sunday)

OPENING QUESTION: What is Reformation Sunday and why do we celebrate it?

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on Reformation Sunday?
2. How will the new covenant be different from the previous covenant? With whom did God make this new covenant?
3. How will all people "know" God (v. 34)? What are the implications of this statement on such things as discipleship and evangelism?

Romans 3:19-28

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on Reformation Sunday?
2. What is the purpose (function) of the Law according to this text? Does the author (Paul) consider the Law to be useless now that Christ has been resurrected?
3. In what ways would this passage have been a major shift in thinking for the first readers?
4. In what ways does this passage break down barriers between Jews and Gentiles?

John 8:31-36

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on Reformation Sunday?
2. What characteristic of discipleship does Jesus identify in this passage? What is the outcome of having that particular characteristic?
3. Put verse 36 into your own words. What does it mean to be "free?" Free from what?
4. What differences does Jesus identify between "sons" and "slaves?"

WRAP UP

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