

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, April 7, 2024 (Easter 2)

Acts 4:32-35

Discussion Starters

1. Compare these verses with Acts 2:42-47. What qualities mark the early church?
2. What does it mean to be of "one heart and soul?"
3. What was the role of the apostles during these days?
4. What determined whether the needs of the people were met by the church?
5. Is such a situation possible today? Why or why not?
6. How have you seen the church express care for its members? What was the response to such care?

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Discussion Starters

1. Some people in this congregation were teaching that they were without sin. How does John address that teaching?
2. What could not be proclaimed if Jesus did not die?
3. What false claims do John's opponents make? (*Hint: Look for the word "claim."*)
4. What hope does John offer to those who fail?
5. What role does Jesus play whenever someone sins?
6. In what way(s) can Christians today see, hear and touch Jesus (1:1)?

John 20:19-31

Discussion Starters

1. Why are the disciples afraid as this passage begins?
2. Why does Jesus say "Peace be with you" three times in this passage (vv. 19, 21, 26)? How does this related to their fears? Where could you use some "peace" right now?
3. How does Thomas' personality compare to the other disciples? What is the closest you have come to a Thomas-type moment?
4. Are doubts (like the one ascribed to Thomas) sin? When you have doubts, what have you found to be helpful in overcoming them?
5. What doubts or questions about God are you struggling with?
6. Why did John write his gospel?

WRAP UP

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