

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, April 28, 2024 (Easter 5)

Acts 8:26-40

Discussion Starters

1. What do we know about the man in the chariot and his reason for visiting Jerusalem? What do we know about Philip?
2. The eunuch was reading from Isaiah 53. How is what he read consistent with our understanding of Jesus?
3. What did God require of Philip in this story?
4. What role did Philip play and what role did God play in this series of events?
5. What does this story teach you about discipleship?

1 John 4:7-21

Discussion Starters

1. Why is it a lie to say you love God if do not show love to others?
2. Is love as discussed here a feeling or an action? What does this tell you about God's love?
3. How can love cast out fear?
4. What are ways that love can be demonstrated?
5. What do these verses teach you about the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? About their relationship to us?

John 15:1-8

Discussion Starters

1. If the branches are people, what pain would be associated with pruning? What tools would be used? What would be the fruit produced?
2. What does it mean to "remain" (or "abide") in Christ?
3. How do we explain unanswered prayers in light of verse 7?
4. Why would this imagery of the vine and branches be especially meaningful to a Jewish audience?

WRAP UP

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