

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34-48

Discussion Starters

1. The Jews regarded even people like Cornelius as pagans, unless they fully submitted to Jewish practices. What would Peter have been thinking as these events unfolded?
2. What is the main point in Peter's sermon? In what way were these words from Peter revolutionary?
3. Why do you suppose God chose Peter to be the one who experienced the events at the home of Cornelius?
4. In light of the astonished response of the Jews, what did it mean that these Gentiles could speak in tongues?
5. How does this experience reinforce what Peter learned in his vision (10:9-23)?

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Discussion Starters

1. What does it mean to "hold firmly to the word I preached to you" (v. 2)? What does it mean to "believe in vain" (v. 2)?
2. Why does Paul go into such detail about those who saw the resurrected Christ?
3. What false teaching is spreading among the Corinthians? Why would any Christian teach such a thing?
4. According to this passage, why is the resurrection of Jesus important? What practical differences does it make?
5. What does this passage teach you about God's grace?
6. What evidence can you offer that Christ is alive in your own life?

Mark 16:1-8

Discussion Starters

1. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were never far away during the crucifixion and entombment of Jesus. What does this tell you about the faith of these women? What does it tell you about their role in the life of Jesus?
2. If the women knew there was a big rock blocking the tomb, why did they go?
3. What events in this passage make the women afraid? Why do these events cause that reaction?
4. Does verse 8 suggest the women did not believe the angel? Why or why not?
5. Why did the angel tell the women to speak to Peter specifically?

WRAP UP

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