

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, May 5, 2024 (Easter 6)**

#### **Acts 10:44-48**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What did it mean to the astonished onlookers that the Gentiles could speak in tongues?
2. How does the response of the Gentiles reinforce the vision Peter had in 10:9-23?
3. What does this passage teach about our preconceived notions about who can or cannot be saved? Who might be groups in our world (and community) that we might be surprised at if they came to faith?
4. The Holy Spirit is called a "free gift." What does that mean?
5. What did the baptism of these Gentiles communicate about the early church?

#### **1 John 5:1-6**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Why are the commands of God described as "not burdensome?"
2. What does it mean that faith "overcomes" the world? How is that possible? Have you seen that in your own life? When? How?
3. What lie(s) does John seem to be combating in this passage?
4. What is the logical connection between loving God and obeying God?

#### **John 15:9-17**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Why has God made "love" the key indicator of a relationship with Him? Why not faith, or patience, or some other virtue?
2. How does one "remain" in God's love?
3. What is the difference between a servant and a friend? How have the disciples transitioned from one to the other?
4. Does God really give us whatever we ask in His Name? What about the "small print?"

#### **WRAP UP**

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