

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, May 19, 2024 (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21

Discussion Starters

1. What was the significance of Pentecost for the Jews? Why did God wait until Pentecost to give the Holy Spirit? (See Deuteronomy 16:9-10)
2. How does being filled with the Spirit related to being a witness for Jesus?
3. What does Peter want to make sure the gather throng understands clearly about what they are observing?
4. Why does Peter quote the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-32) in his sermon?
5. What does it mean to "call upon" the name of the Lord?

Romans 8:22-27

Discussion Starters

1. What does the word "redemption" mean? In what way is adoption a good picture of our redemption?
2. Think about this passage in light of the persecution faced by Christians. How does that impact your understanding of this text?
3. Based on these verses, how would you describe the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
4. What is the difference between the hope of a Christian and wishful thinking?

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

Discussion Starters

1. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit's role in the salvation process from these verses? What specifically will the Holy Spirit do?
2. How would the teachings of Jesus be helpful in the future for the disciples? How would the disciples be affected by what Jesus taught?
3. Define "convict."
4. How do you understand the phrase "He will guide you into all truth?" (see v. 13)

WRAP UP

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