

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, August 11, 2024 (Pentecost 12)

1 Kings 19:4-8

Discussion Starters

1. What had just happened in Elijah's life and ministry that prompted the events of this story? In light of that big event, how should Elijah have responded to Queen Jezebel's threats?
2. Why did Elijah pray that he might die? How do you think God felt about that statement?
3. Why did he mean by the statement "I am no better than my ancestors?"
4. What did Elijah need the most at this particular time in his life? What did God provide?

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Discussion Starters

1. Which of the instructions given by Paul is the most challenging? Which is the easiest? Which has the most impact on the people around you?
2. How does one "grieve the Holy Spirit?"
3. What does it mean to imitate God? How, in practical terms, does one do that?
4. How do you think Paul would define "unwholesome talk?" Does he only mean profanity?

John 6:35, 41-51

Discussion Starters

1. According to these verses, what is our part and what is God's part in the process of coming to faith?
2. What promise is made repeatedly in these verses? What are the preconditions for this promise being fulfilled?
3. What does Jesus mean when he says "this bread is my flesh?"
4. How do the multitudes respond to the claims of Jesus? What does their response say about them, especially in light of the teaching in verse 45?
5. According to these verses, how is Jesus (the Bread of Life) superior to manna (the bread of the wilderness)?

WRAP UP

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