

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, August 25, 2024 (Pentecost 14)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Discussion Starters

1. What does Joshua ask the people to do in this passage? Why does he offer them a choice (rather than issue a command)? How do the people respond? Do you think Joshua believes them?
2. What had God done for the people?
3. Given all that God had done for them, why might the people even consider following a different god?
4. What does this passage say about your responsibility in the spiritual life of your family?

Ephesians 6:10-20

Discussion Starters

1. What are the pieces of armor for the Christian? What do each signify?
2. Why does the Christian need to put on armor?
3. How does prayer fit into the spiritual battle we face? What specific requests for prayer does Paul make?
4. Are the pieces of armor offensive or defensive? What does that tell you?

John 6:56-69

Discussion Starters

1. What teaching do the followers of Jesus find to be unacceptable?
2. Why do you think some disciples (such as Peter) decided to stay and why did some decide to leave?
3. In what way(s) does the Spirit give life?
4. John also calls those who turned back "disciples." How can that be?

WRAP UP

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