

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, August 4, 2024 (Pentecost 11)

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Discussion Starters

1. The people of Israel had just seen God rescue them from the Egyptians and provide water from a rock. Why are they now complaining about a lack of food? What do their complaints tell you about their understanding of God?
2. Why did God provide only one day's provision of food at a time? What were the promises and requirements associated with the manna?
3. What is manna? Is it a natural or supernatural substance?
4. How big is an omer?
5. What "daily bread" does God provide for His people today? What possible errors might we have in our use of it?

Ephesians 4:1-16

Discussion Starters

1. Why does God give spiritual gifts? Who receives them? How many does each person get? What happens if I don't use mine?
2. What does this passage teach about resolving conflict?
3. Based on this passage what was going wrong in the church at Ephesus?
4. What does it mean to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received?" How do we do that?
5. What is the "whole measure of the fullness of Christ?"

John 6:24-35

Discussion Starters

1. What is the real motivation for the multitudes as they follow Jesus? What does Jesus expect of them?
2. What does Jesus mean when He claims to be the "Bread of Life?" How does one who follows Him avoid hunger and thirst?
3. What are the similarities between the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and Jesus as the Bread of Life?
4. If someone asked you "What does it mean to believe in Jesus," how would you respond? (see v. 29)

WRAP UP

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