

Lectionary Bible Study

October 27, 2024 (Reformation Sunday)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Discussion starters

1. What is a covenant?
2. How is the new covenant different from the old covenant, according to this text?
3. Why did God need to make a new covenant with his people?
4. What does it mean that "they will all know me" (verse 34)? How will they know him?
5. What does it mean that God "will remember their sins no more" (verse 34)?

Romans 3:19-28

Discussion starters

1. If you were the person who was deserving of the death penalty, what would the word "justify" mean to you?
2. If you were a slave, what would the word "redemption" mean to you?
3. If you were a Jew who brought a yearly sacrifice to "postpone" God's judgment on you, what would the word "atonement" mean to you?
4. Romans 3:28 was a key verse for Martin Luther. Why? How did this verse change Luther's perspective on salvation and one's relationship with God? In what ways are people still trapped in the former understanding?

John 8:31-36

Discussion starters

1. What issues does Jesus force his hearers to confront?
2. What does Jesus mean by: (a) disciple; (b) truth; and (c) freedom?
3. What truths does Jesus want his hearers to fully understand in this passage?
4. What false assumptions do the first hearers of this teaching have?

WRAP UP

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