

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, October 13, 2024 (Pentecost 21)**

#### **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What does it mean to "seek" God? What happens if the readers do seek Him? What happens if they don't?
2. In what way(s) have the people turned justice into bitterness? What does that mean in practical terms? What does it mean in terms of their religious life (worship)?
3. What rays of hope do you see in this passage?
4. What specific wrongs cause God to become angry? What might modern day parallels be?
5. What are the characteristics of the person who seeks good?

#### **Hebrews 4:12-16**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. How is the word of God described? What do these descriptions mean?
2. What does this passage teach us about prayer?
3. Why can we be confident and hopeful according to this passage?
4. What are ways in which the word of God has "cut" you?
5. In what way(s) is Jesus like the High Priest? How is He different?

#### **Mark 10:17-31**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. If this young man had indeed kept the commandments, why did Jesus require something additional from him?
2. Why did Jesus only refer to a few of the commandments? Is there something to be learned here as we observe the commandments He chose?
3. What did the young man's response to the command of Jesus tell us about his faith?
4. Why is it hard for the rich to enter heaven?
5. What was the young man's motivation for asking his question to Jesus?

##### **WRAP UP**

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