

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, December 1, 2024 (Advent 1)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Discussion Starters

1. According to this passage, what has God promised to do for Israel and Judah?
2. What will the fulfillment of God's promise mean for His people? How did they understand it, and how do we understand it more than 3,000 years later?
3. Why does God sometimes wait so long before fulfilling His promises?
4. Which promises of God are the most meaningful to you? Why?

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Discussion Starters

1. What about the Thessalonian Christians caused Paul to give thanks to God?
2. What specifically does Paul pray earnestly for? (The word "may" should give you some clues.)
3. In what ways have you been encouraged by someone else's faith?

Luke 21:25-36

Discussion Starters

1. What is significant about the way the Son of Man will come (v. 27)?
2. What, exactly, is the lesson from the fig tree?
3. Is this teaching of Jesus a discouragement or encouragement? Why?
4. According to this passage, what should Christians be doing while they wait for the return of Christ?

WRAP UP

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