

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, January 19, 2025 (Epiphany 2)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Discussion Starters

1. Who is speaking in this passage?
2. What is "imputed righteousness"?
3. According to this passage, what is God's intent for His people?
4. What does each new name indicate about God's relationship with His people?
Why are these new names important?
5. What is God saying by using a bride/bridegroom imagery to describe His relationship with His people? How do you respond to that imagery as applied to your relationship with Him? Are there other images that come to mind?

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Discussion Starters

1. What was your life like before you began to believe that "Jesus is Lord?"
2. How is the diversity of gifts related to the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
3. What is the purpose of the spiritual gifts? How do they work? Do they all continue to exist today?
4. Which gifts do you think are the most important ones? The least important ones?
5. What other spiritual gifts are there? Which one(s) do you have?

John 2:1-11

Discussion Starters

1. At this point, Jesus was not yet known as a miracle worker (v. 11), so why did Mary come to Him with this problem? Do you think Jesus felt "pressured" by Mary?
2. What do you learn about Mary in this passage? What do you learn about Jesus?
3. If His "time had not yet come," why did Jesus go ahead and perform this miracle?
4. How do you define "sign" (v. 11)? What is the purpose of the sign?
5. What part does the function and size of the jars play in this story? How does the quantity and quality of the wine demonstrate the glory of Jesus?
6. What "sign" led you to put your trust in Jesus?

WRAP UP

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