

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, February 16, 2025 (Epiphany 6)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Discussion Starters

1. What are the distinguishing characteristics of the blessed person and the cursed person? Read Psalm 1 for more descriptive phrases.
2. What does it mean to be "blessed?" What does it mean to be "cursed?" Are either (or both) of these conditions permanent?
3. What are ways that people today "dwell in parched places?"
4. What kind of fruit does the blessed person yield?
5. What does the picture of the tree planted by waters communicate about the blessed person?
6. Why does Jeremiah call the human heart "deceitful above all things?"

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Discussion Starters

1. What false teaching had been spreading among the Corinthians (v. 12)?
2. Why is the resurrection of Jesus necessary? What are the consequences if Jesus had not been resurrected?
3. Why are people who only have hope for this life to be pitied?
4. What does Paul mean by the phrase "you are still in your sins?"
5. How might you respond to someone who does not believe Jesus rose from the dead?

Luke 6:17-26

Discussion Starters

1. Who is in the crowd on this occasion? How does Jesus meet their needs, and in what way(s) are His actions consistent with what He teaches in this passage?
2. What qualities are present in the people who will be blessed? Define what each quality means.
3. What qualities are present in the people who will be cursed? Define what each quality means.
4. Are the blessings and cursings described here experienced now or in the future? How do you know?

WRAP UP

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