

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, March 9, 2025 (Lent 1)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Discussion Starters

1. What are firstfruits? What are the Israelites asked to do with them? Why?
2. How does this offering relate to the tithe? According to this passage, what is the purpose of the tithe?
3. Why were the Israelites to repeat the section about being a wandering Aramean (vv. 5-10)? What is the short version of your story?
4. What does this giving pattern say about the heart of the worshipper? What does it say about God? What does your giving pattern say about you?
5. Why would this giving pattern cause the Levites and aliens (sojourners) to worship God?

Romans 10:8b-13

Discussion Starters

1. According to this passage, how are people saved?
2. Define confess. What does it mean to confess "Jesus is Lord?" Is there a difference between confessing and believing that Jesus is Lord?
3. In the time period Romans was written, people were required to say "Caesar is Lord." Christians did not do that, and were executed because of it. What are the gods of today that compete for the lordship of a person's life?
4. On the basis of this passage, how might you respond to someone who says "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere"?

Luke 4:1-13

Discussion Starters

1. How does Jesus resist the temptations of Satan?
2. How does Satan use Scripture differently than does Jesus?
3. Why did Satan tempt Jesus at this particular time? What did Satan hope to accomplish?
4. What did the temptations hope to accomplish? What would have been the result if Jesus had accepted any of Satan's offers?
5. How do you respond when tempted by Satan?

WRAP UP

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