

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, March 23, 2025 (Lent 3)

Isaiah 55:1-9

Discussion Starters

1. What message is God communicating to the people in exile?
2. What does it mean to "seek" the Lord? Why does God add the phrase "while He may be found" to the seeking invitation?
3. In what way(s) are God's thoughts and ways different than ours?
4. Is God speaking against money in this passage? Why or why not?

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Discussion Starters

1. In verses 1-5 Paul asserts that the Israelites were not immune to God's judgment despite their status as God's chosen people. What were the people relying on as their salvation? Why was that not enough to keep them secure?
2. What specific sins did the Israelites commit that resulted in God's judgment?
3. In what way were those sins and the accompanying judgment meant to be an example for the Christians in Corinth?
4. How does the promise of verse 13 help in your own spiritual battles?

Luke 13:1-9

Discussion Starters

1. What is the danger in associating someone's misfortune with sin? What are ways in which that association happens today?
2. In verses 6-9, who does the tree represent? What is represented by the fertilizer? What is the expected fruit?
3. Why is the owner intent on cutting down the fig tree? What is a modern day parallel to this teaching?
4. How can we tell if a person (or a congregation) is bearing fruit?

WRAP UP

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