

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, March 30, 2025 (Lent 4)

Joshua 5:1-12

Discussion Starters

1. What was the impact of the miraculous river crossing on the neighboring kings?
2. What does "the reproach of Egypt" signify? What "rolled away" from Israel that day?
3. What is the significance of celebrating the Passover on the same day as they ate of the fruit of the land?
4. Why did the manna stop coming? What should that signify to the Israelites and us?

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Discussion Starters

1. What does "reconciliation" mean?
2. What exactly is new about those who are in Christ? What does it mean to be "in" Christ?
3. What is the role of an ambassador? How does that apply to us?
4. Put verse 21 into your own words.
5. In these verses what does God do through us? Through Jesus?

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Discussion Starters

1. What stages does the younger son go through on his pilgrimage? What is it that finally brings him to his senses?
2. How does the father receive the son? Do you think the father's receiving had anything to do with the son's attitude?
3. What point is Jesus making with this parable?
4. What does this story teach you about sin, repentance, forgiveness and God's love?
5. Why does Jesus leave the story open-ended when it comes to what happens to the older son?

WRAP UP

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