

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, June 8, 2025 (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21

Discussion Starters

1. What characteristics of the Holy Spirit are reflected in the images of fire and wind?
2. Why would God wait until the Jewish festival of Pentecost to give the Holy Spirit (see Deuteronomy 16:9-10)?
3. Who were the people in the audience when Peter preached? What attracted them to the disciples?
4. What is the role of the gift of tongues in this passage?
5. What is Peter's purpose in quoting the Joel prophecy?

Romans 8:1-17

Discussion Questions

1. What does Paul want you to remember whenever you feel overwhelmed by your sinful past?
2. What options for living does the Christian have, according to this text?
3. Since we are not saved by the good works we do, what is the motive for changing our lives?
4. How are we to deal with our sinful nature?
5. What does it mean to "be led by the Spirit?"
6. What does it mean to you that God considers you to be His child?

John 17:8-17

Discussion Starters

1. Who is the focus of Jesus' prayer in these verses?
2. What seems to be the primary concern for Jesus as He prays in this passage?
3. What requests does Jesus make in His prayer? Do you think Jesus intends to include Judas Iscariot in the requests He makes?
4. What does it mean to be "sanctified" by the truth (v. 17)?
5. Who is being referred to by the phrase "the one doomed to destruction" (v. 12)?

WRAP UP

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