

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, June 29, 2025 (Pentecost 3)

1 Kings 19:9b-21

Discussion Starters

1. Why was Elijah in the cave? Was his reason legitimate?
2. Why did Elijah's complaint remain the same even after hearing the still small voice of God?
3. What does the "casting" of the mantle symbolize?
4. Why did God choose to speak to Elijah in a still small voice rather than one of the more spectacular methods?
5. Do you think Elisha's decision to return home was appropriate? Shouldn't he have immediately followed Elijah? How do the Scriptures support your response?

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Discussion Starters

1. What temptation does an attitude of "freedom" carry with it (v. 13)?
2. What two things are in conflict with one another (v. 17)? Define what each is.
3. If we have been made alive in the Spirit, why do we still struggle with sin?
4. What does it mean to "walk in the Spirit?"
5. What is meant by "fruit of the Spirit?"

Luke 9:51-62

Discussion Starters

1. Why did the villagers resist the presence of Jesus? Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples who were offended by their resistance?
2. Why did the unnamed disciples (vv. 57-62) turn away from Jesus? How did He handle their excuses? What is Jesus communicating in his response to each of these men?
3. What, according to Jesus Himself, was the reason He came to earth?
4. In what ways has following Jesus cost you something?

WRAP UP

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