

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, May 11, 2025 (Easter 4) (Mother's Day)

Acts 9:36-43

Discussion Starters

1. What do we know about Tabitha (Dorcas)? Why was she important to the Christians in Joppa?
2. Although Peter had healed people before, he had never raised anyone from the dead. Why then would the Christians in Joppa ask him to come?
3. Why are some people healed (or raised) and others are not? What does this say about the way in which God works?
4. Should we expect God to still raise people from the dead today? If so, why don't we hear about it? If not, why not?
5. Why is Peter given this gift? Do you think the other disciples also possessed this same ability?

Revelation 7:9-17

Discussion Starters

1. How does John describe the crowd? What are they wearing? Doing? Carrying? How would this description been comforting to the first readers?
2. What is the great tribulation (verse 14)?
3. When the multitude cries out, how do the heavenly beings respond? What does all that teach us about God's kingdom and Christ's sacrifice?
4. What do you learn in this passage about God's kingdom? Which part do you most want to see?

John 10:22-30

Discussion Starters

1. The Feast of Dedication is also known as Hanukkah? What do you know about that time of celebration? In light of this particular feast, what might have been the motive for the question asked by the Pharisees in verse 24?
2. How do the religious leaders interpret Jesus' claim to be one with God?
3. How do we hear the voice of God today?
4. What does Jesus mean by verse 28?
5. What difference does it make that Jesus is God and not just a man?

WRAP UP

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