

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, May 18, 2025 (Easter 5)

Acts 11:1-18

Discussion Starters

1. What has happened to necessitate Peter's defense as described in this reading?
2. What was the reason given for the objections of certain people? Why did Peter have to defend his actions?
3. How important is the gift and work of the Holy Spirit in Peter's defense?
4. Why did the people's opinion change from verse 2 to verse 18?
5. Why do you think God chose Peter to be the first one to connect with the Gentiles?
6. What might be some modern day applications of this text?

Revelation 21:1-6

Discussion Starters

1. This passage is filled with wonderful truths. Identify some of them. Which one(s) are the most meaningful to you?
2. Who will be the residents of this new city? Who will not be there?
3. Do you think John saw a literal city, or he is referring to something else? If so, to what might he be referring?
4. What does God mean when He says that all things will be "new?" New in what way(s)?
5. What do you think it will be like to live with no pain or sorrow? How would that even be possible?

John 13:31-35

Discussion Starters

1. Why did Jesus wait until Judas had left to share this message with His disciples?
2. What specifically does He ask His disciples to do?
3. How would you describe this kind of love?
4. How is Jesus glorified in that moment? How is God glorified?
5. Why would Jesus say we could not go with him when in just a few verses (John 14:1-6) He tells us we can go with him?

WRAP UP

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