

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, July 6, 2025 (Pentecost 4)

Isaiah 66:10-14

Discussion Starters

1. The image of a mother is used here to describe God's relationship with His children. Who are these children?
2. What does the idea of "God as mother" convey to you? In what way(s) is it an appropriate to convey who God is?
3. How is that image different from "God as father?"
4. Is God male or female? How do you know?
5. Why do we usually refer to God as a "he?"

Galatians 6:1-16

Discussion Starters

1. What does it mean to "restore" someone who has sinned? How is it possible to do that without coming across as "holier than thou" or morally superior?
2. What is the connection between verse 5 and verse 2? Are they contradictory?
3. What does the author mean when he instructs us to carry each other's burdens?
4. Put verse 15 into your own words. What is the author attempting to teach his readers?
5. Based on these verses, what are the differences between someone who lives as a follower of Jesus and one who does not?

Luke 10:1-20

Discussion Starters

1. Why do you think Jesus sent his disciples out two-by-two instead of individually?
2. How is a follower of Jesus like a worker at harvest time?
3. What is the purpose of "traveling light?"
4. What in these verses suggests there is an urgency about the work of evangelism? What are the reasons for this urgency?
5. How would you summarize the words of Jesus to His disciples after they returned (vv. 18-20)?

WRAP UP

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