

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, August 31, 2025 (Pentecost 12)

Proverbs 25:1-25

Discussion Starters

1. What general themes do you see reflected in these proverbs?
2. In what way(s) are kings like and unlike God and a silversmith?
3. How do leaders "remove wickedness from their presence?" What does this achieve?
4. Why is it crucial to settle a matter out of court? To keep a confidence?
5. What does it mean to "heal coals on the head?"
6. What would happen in your life and in our world if the principle of humility seen in verses 6-7 were practiced in everyday life?

Hebrews 13:1-16

Discussion Starters

1. In what areas should "brotherly love" define Christians? What are the consequences for those who do and for those who do not do it?
2. What does this passage teach about our financial priorities?
3. How are we to regard our leaders and why?
4. What "strange teaching" was a particular temptation to the Hebrew Christians?

Luke 14:1-14

Discussion Starters

1. What does Jesus do that traps the Pharisees? What does their silence mean?
2. How does Jesus' view of honor differ from that of others at the meal?
3. What does this passage teach you about the differences between kingdom values and social values?
4. Based on the teaching of verse 12, who would be the guests at a dinner party thrown by Jesus today?

WRAP UP

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