

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, July 13, 2025 (Pentecost 5)

Deuteronomy 30:9-18

Discussion Starters

1. Where can Israel find God's word?
2. What choices does Moses set before Israel? How will Israel show which choice they make?
3. What objections are being addressed in this passage? What are similar modern day objections?
4. What does this passage mean by "prosperity?"

Colossians 1:1-14

Discussion Starters

1. What do you know about the city of Colosse and the church that existed there?
2. Who is Epaphras?
3. Even though Paul has never met these believers, he is drawn to them. Why?
4. How would you describe the connection between faith, hope and love (v. 5)? Which comes first?
5. What does Paul pray about for these believers? Why does he pray it?

Luke 10:25-37

Discussion Starters

1. How does the story of the Good Samaritan address the question of "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"
2. Why did the two religious leaders bypass the injured man? Were there reasons justified?
3. After reading this parable, how would Jesus define "neighbor?"
4. What characteristics or actions made the Good Samaritan a good example of what it means to be a neighbor?
5. What is the connection between "mercy" and "eternal life?"

WRAP UP

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