

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, July 27, 2025 (Pentecost 7)

Genesis 18:17-33

Discussion Starters

1. Why does the Lord give Abraham a “sneak preview” into what is about to happen to Sodom?
2. Why was God going to destroy these cities? Why is Abraham so concerned about the fate of two sinful cities?
3. Do you think Abraham influenced God's decision at all? If not, why did God allow Abraham to participate in the process?
4. Why do you think Abraham felt bold enough to challenge God's decision? What does this teach you about the kind of relationship God wants to have with us?
5. What do you admire about Abraham in this passage?

Colossians 2:6-19

Discussion Starters

1. What does “living in Christ” involve?
2. What does the phrase “rooted and built up” imply?
3. What are the “basic principles of this world?”
4. How can you identify a “deceptive philosophy?”
5. How might one lose its connection to the Head (v. 19)?
6. What is Paul teaching in vv. 16-17?

Luke 11:1-13

Discussion Starters

1. What motivated the disciples to ask Jesus to teach them how to pray?
2. In this version of the Lord's Prayer, what personal requests are made? Which ones are omitted as compared to the version in Matthew 6?
3. What does the parable in vv. 5-8 teach regarding prayer? How does it relate to the prayer Jesus just taught His disciples?
4. What do vv. 9-10 teach regarding prayer?
5. Do these verses teach that we will get everything we ask for when we pray?

WRAP UP

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