

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### ***For Sunday, September 14, 2025 (Pentecost 14)***

#### **Exodus 32:1-14**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. How long had Moses been away on the mountain? How do you think the people felt about being in the middle of the desert with no leader?
2. In what way(s) do the actions of the people violate the Ten Commandments which had been given to them earlier?
3. Why did Aaron create the golden calf?
4. What does the worship of the golden calf tell you about the kind of worship the people were used to?
5. How do God and Moses feel about the golden calf?
6. Why does God "relent" from bringing judgment?
7. What might anger God about our worship?

#### **1 Timothy 1:1-17**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Who is Timothy? Why does Paul refer to him as a "true son?"
2. What problems seem to be plaguing the church to which this letter was written? Which church was it? What was Timothy's role there?
3. How does one "wander" from the faith?
4. What goal does Paul want Timothy to pursue?
5. For whom was the law created? What was its purpose? How is the gospel different?

#### **Luke 15:1-10**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Who is in Jesus's audience? How do they respond to Him?
2. How do these parables address the mutterings of the religious leaders in the crowd? What point do you think Jesus is trying to make?
3. Why does Jesus make such a big deal out of finding something that was lost? Why would that cause angels to rejoice?
4. What do these parables tell you about God's love?
5. How does our society today treat the lost? What are ways in which we devalue them? How does this attitude even creep into the church?

##### **WRAP UP**

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