

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, October 5, 2025 (Pentecost 17)

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Discussion Starters

1. What does this text tell you about Habakkuk, his historical situation and the current crises he faces?
2. To whom is he complaining? Is his attitude sinful?
3. What "revelation" is Habakkuk to write down?
4. How are the righteous to live? What does that mean?
5. How is the way of the righteous different from other people?
6. Compare Habakkuk 2:4 with Romans 1:16-18 and Galatians 3:10-14. How does the Apostle Paul use this passage from Habakkuk to speak a new word to the Christians of his day?

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Discussion Starters

1. What do you learn here about Timothy's faith story? In what way(s) is Timothy's story similar to or different from your faith story?
2. What is a sincere faith?
3. What does it mean to "fan into flame the gift of God?"
4. What might cause Timothy to be "ashamed" of the gospel? What does that mean? What might tempt you to be ashamed as well?
5. What weakness in Timothy is suggested by this text? How does Paul tell him to counteract that weakness?
6. What is the "good deposit?" How are we to guard it?

Luke 17:1-10

Discussion Starters

1. Who is Jesus referring to in verse 1? What might be an example of someone causing another to sin?
2. How do we practically live out the teaching of verses 3-4 without making matters worse, or letting people who don't deserve it to get "off the hook" without punishment?
3. What inspired the disciples to ask for an increase in their faith? What does such a request mean?
4. What does Jesus mean by His teaching in vv. 7-10?
5. Do you really believe that a Christian today can cause a mulberry tree to be moved?

WRAP UP

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