

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, October 12, 2025 (Pentecost 18)

2 Kings 5:1-15

Discussion Starters

1. How would you describe Namaan before he was healed? After?
2. What did it take for Namaan to confess there was no other God except our God?
3. Why does Namaan become angry (v. 11)?
4. Why are Namaan's servants so persuasive in getting Namaan to follow the direction of Elisha?
5. What promises of God do you think are "too easy" or "too good to be true?"
6. Why does Namaan take so much money with him when he goes to see Elisha?

2 Timothy 2:1-15

Discussion Starters

1. How is Timothy to ensure that the Gospel message lives on beyond him?
2. What do the examples of a soldier, farmer and athlete teach us about living the Christian life?
3. In spite of his suffering, what keeps Paul from giving up? What has kept you going during times of suffering?
4. Verses 11-13 are likely one of the early hymns of the church. What points of theology do you see in those verses?
5. What do you learn in these verses about the cost of discipleship? What role do suffering and endurance play in matters of faith?
6. What does it mean to "rightly divide the word of truth?"

Luke 17:11-19

Discussion Starters

1. What would life have been like for a leper? Why would healing have been cause for gratitude?
2. At what point in the story line were these men healed? Did all ten remain "healed" or just the one who gave thanks?
3. Why does Jesus send these ten men to the priest?
4. Why did the nine decide not to go back to say "thank you" to Jesus? Were they wrong for not doing so?
5. Why is it significant that the one who returned was a Samaritan?

WRAP UP

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