

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, October 26, 2025 (Reformation Sunday)

OPENING QUESTION: What is Reformation Sunday and why do we celebrate it?

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Discussion starters

1. What is a covenant?
2. How is the new covenant different from the old covenant, according to this text?
3. Why did God need to make a new covenant with his people?
4. What does it mean that "they will all know me" (verse 34)? How will they know him?
5. What does it mean that God "will remember their sins no more" (verse 34)?

Romans 3:19-28

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on Reformation Sunday?
2. What is the purpose (function) of the Law according to this text? Does the author (Paul) consider the Law to be useless now that Christ has been resurrected?
3. In what ways would this passage have been a major shift in thinking for the first readers?
4. In what ways does this passage break down barriers between Jews and Gentiles?

John 8:31-36

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on Reformation Sunday?
2. What characteristic of discipleship does Jesus identify in this passage? What is the outcome of having that particular characteristic?
3. Put verse 36 into your own words. What does it mean to be "free?" Free from what?
4. What differences does Jesus identify between "sons" and "slaves?"

WRAP UP

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