

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, March 8, 2026 (Lent 3)

Exodus 17:1-7

Discussion Starters

1. What were the complaints of the children of Israel? Were their complaints legitimate? (They were also complaining in Exodus 16:1-4.)
2. Was thirst their only problem? What was the deeper issue?
3. From a leadership perspective, what did Moses do well in this situation? What could he have done differently?
4. What does this passage teach you about the authority of Moses? About the authority of God?
5. What is the lesson the children of Israel should have learned?
6. What does it mean to "test" the Lord?

Romans 5:1-11

Discussion Starters

1. How does Paul describe mankind's condition before Christ (vv. 6, 8, 10), and how has it changed?
2. How should a Christian view disappointment, suffering or stress?
3. What does it mean to be "God's enemies?" How is it possible that a God of love could have enemies?
4. What do the words "justified" and "reconciled" mean? Do they apply to your life?
5. How does one achieve "peace with God?"
Note: Verses 6-8 are good ones to memorize!

John 4:5-42

Discussion Starters

1. How would you describe the woman's responses to Jesus throughout this story?
2. What was the woman truly thirsting for?
3. Why were the disciples surprised to see Jesus with this woman?
4. How did Jesus and this woman get past their cultural differences in order to have this spiritual conversation? Why would Jesus risk his reputation and have such a conversation?
5. What lessons can you learn from this story about sharing your faith with other people?

WRAP UP

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