

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, April 26, 2026 (Easter 4)

Acts 2:42-47

Discussion Starters

1. Verse 47 describes the early church as “enjoying the favor of all the people.” Who are these people? What clues do you find in these verses as to why the church was so appealing to them?
2. What does it mean to have “everything in common?” Is that a good idea or bad idea for people living in our current generation?
3. How would you describe the sense of “community” or “fellowship” within the early church?
4. Why do you think the current church does not have the depth of relationships described in these verses?
5. In what ways is Grace like and unlike the church described here?

1 Peter 2:19-25

Discussion Starters

1. In Peter's day, persecution and slavery made submission to authority hard. What conditions today make submission difficult?
2. What is Peter's response to those who are enduring difficulties from the hand of another?
3. Some might say that the teaching in verse 19 is nothing more than being a doormat. How would you respond?
4. How can the example of Jesus help you when you are facing injustice and difficulty?
5. What is an acceptable response for a modern day Christian whenever his/her rights are violated or when confronted by abuse?

John 10:1-10

Discussion Starters

1. What do the sheep, shepherd and sheep pen in this passage represent?
2. Who are the thieves and robbers? How is Jesus unlike them?
3. What truth is Jesus communicating when He describes Himself as the “sheep gate?”
4. How does someone become a part of the flock of the Good Shepherd?

WRAP UP

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