

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, May 3, 2026 (Easter 5)

Acts 7:55-60

Discussion Starters

1. Why do Stephen's listeners become so enraged with him? What might his reference to seeing the "son of man" reminded them of?
2. By all accounts, the stoning of Stephen was illegal. What does this say about those who orchestrated it?
3. Peter's sermon on Pentecost resulted in 3,000 converts. Stephen's sermon resulted in his death. What does that say about success in one's service to God?
4. This passage is the first appearance of a young man named Saul. Who is he, and why is his presence here significant?
5. The text describes Stephen as "falling asleep." Is this just a nice way of saying "he died" or is there something more important to be seen here.
6. What impresses you most about Stephen's behavior during this time? Why was he able to respond as he did? How would you have responded in those circumstances?
7. How did God take this horrific event and turn it into something good?

1 Peter 2:2-10

Discussion Starters

1. How is Jesus a "cornerstone?" Why would people stumble over this stone rather than build their lives around it?
2. How does verse 10 put the rest of the passage into perspective?
3. What "darkness" has God called you out of (v. 9)?
4. Look at the descriptions of the Christian in verse 9. What do these mean and how are they to be applied in our lives today?
5. What does it mean to be a "spiritual baby?" As Peter uses it, is this a good thing or a bad thing?

John 14:1-14

Discussion Starters

1. What comfort does Jesus offer His disciples?
2. What are the issues that face the disciples in this passage?
3. Put verses 6-7 into your own words. What does it mean to "know the Father?"
4. In light of this passage, what would you say to someone who believes that there are many ways to get to heaven?
5. In verse 12, does Jesus mean that the church will do greater things in power, in scope or in something else? How could this be possible?

WRAP UP

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