

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, June 28, 2026 (Pentecost 5)**

#### **Jeremiah 28:5-9**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Describe the context for this reading. See Jeremiah 27:1 and the first four verses of chapter for details on the backstory.
2. Considering your answer to question #1, how would you understand Jeremiah's tone of voice in this reading?
3. What, according to Jeremiah's statement, is a criterion for determining whether someone is a true or false prophet?
4. Why is it easier to say something good (like Hananiah did rather than tell the truth (as Jeremiah did)?
5. Our world is filled with people who share their opinions. How does a child of God know what voices to listen to and which ones to ignore?

#### **Romans 6:12-23**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. If you find yourself being a slave to sin, what does this passage ask you to do?
2. What does it mean to "offer your body to slavery?" How is that possible?
3. Paul asks a great question in verse 21. What might be some possible answers to it? What are those answers ultimately foolish?
4. What is the difference between a "wage" and a "gift?" How is that contrast a good one as we try to understand our salvation?
5. What does it mean to be "free from sin?"

#### **Matthew 10:40-42**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. How are the disciples to understand the response to their ministry?
2. What assurance does Jesus offer to His disciples?
3. These three verses talk a lot about rewards. What is meant by reward in this context?
4. What does it mean to give a cup of cold water? How is this to be understood in light of other Scriptures that warn about "works righteousness?"

#### **WRAP UP**

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