

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, July 5, 2026 (Pentecost 6)

Zechariah 9:9-12

Discussion Starters

1. What qualities do most people look for in a leader? What qualities will the Messiah possess?
2. Describe the scene in this text. How will the people respond?
3. On what basis will restoration be given to the prisoners? How is this applicable to us?
4. What is the responsibility of the church today with regard to promoting peace?
5. What was the coming of the King like in your life?

Romans 7:15-25a

Discussion Starters

1. Is the struggle Paul describes here a struggle *before* he became a Christian or a struggle *after* becoming a Christian?
2. At what point does struggling in this way become more of an excuse than a reason? Is it a normal part of the Christian life or something that we grow out of?
3. How would you define the "sinful nature?"
4. What role does the Law play in this spiritual struggle against sin? What then is the value of the Law?
5. What is the answer to the question Paul raises in verse 24?

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Discussion Starters

1. How are these people like children when it comes to responding to Jesus?
2. Why is the Good News hidden from the "wise and learned?" Who then truly knows God?
3. What does Jesus mean by "taking up the yoke?" What is a yoke? What does this imagery suggest about one's relationship with God?
4. Is God's yoke "easy" for you or a struggle? Why?
5. What does Jesus mean by "rest?" How does one obtain this rest?

WRAP UP

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