

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, August 2, 2026 (Pentecost 10)

Isaiah 55:1-5

Discussion Starters

1. What is Isaiah's message to the poor exiles? What is his message to the rich exiles?
2. What is required of the exiles to receive this blessing from God?
3. How does the question of verse 2 strike you? What have you spent your money or labor on that proved to be unfulfilling?
4. What do you learn about God's covenant from these verses?
5. What specific invitation does God extend?

Romans 9:1-5

Discussion Starters

1. What advantages did the Israelites have? What is the meaning of each of these advantages? Why do you suppose these advantages did not compel them to believe in Jesus?
2. What advantages do we have today that the Israelites would not have had?
3. What is the cause of Paul's sorrow (verse 2)? How intense was that sorrow? Do you have a similar sorrow for anyone?

Matthew 14:13-21

Discussion Starters

1. Why did Jesus withdraw to a solitary place? How does He react to the interruption of the people?
2. How do you think the disciples felt in verse 15? In verses 16-17? In verse 18-21?
3. What new things did the disciples learn about Jesus in this story?
4. How have you seen God stretch your resources beyond what you could imagine?

WRAP UP

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