

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, September 27, 2026 (Pentecost 18)**

#### **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What does the proverb quoted in verse 2 mean, and why do you think it was so popular?
2. What false ideas does the proverb in verse 2 put forth and how does God oppose it?
3. What guilt does God want each person to assume and what action does He want each person to take? Why?
4. Why did some accuse God of being "unjust" (v. 29)?
5. Does it seem unfair to you that God might forgive someone who has lived in sin and confesses on his deathbed while condemning a person who has lived a good life and yet turns away from that at the end of his life (vv. 25-28)?

#### **Philippians 2:1-13**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Reading between the lines ... what was wrong with the church in Philippi?
2. What does it mean in practical terms to "consider someone better than yourself?"
3. What do you think it was like for Jesus to leave heaven and become human?
4. What does it mean to "work out your salvation (v. 12)?"

#### **Matthew 21:23-32**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Why did Jesus choose to not answer the question posed to Him in verse 23?
2. How would you describe the concern expressed by the chief priests and elders? Why was authority an issue for them?
3. What are ways that authority becomes an issue for Christians today?
4. What does the question of authority have to do with the parable that follows it?
5. What is the father's request? Why does each son respond the way he does?

##### **WRAP UP**

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