

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, October 4, 2026 (Pentecost 19)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Discussion Starters

1. Put yourselves in the place of the gardener in this passage. What do you expect from your labors? How do you determine whether or not the results are good?
2. How long would it take for you to give up on the garden plot?
3. Why does God ask the people to judge for themselves what he should do to the vineyard?
4. What are some of the ways God cultivated and cared for Judah?
5. What is the one chief quality God expects to see in His people? What are fruits that we use to evaluate our level of faith?

Philippians 3:4b-14

Discussion Starters

1. Why is Paul speaking so poorly of his previous accomplishments?
2. Using the imagery of a track race, where does Paul see himself on the journey?
3. What prize is Paul pursuing? How does he plan to reach it?
4. What does Paul mean when he says he wants to "know Christ?"
5. How does this passage help you see the difference between the world's point of view and the Christian perspective?

Matthew 21:33-46

Discussion Starters

1. In this parable, who is represented as the landowner? The vineyard? The tenants? The servants? The Son?
2. What correlates to the death of the son? To the eviction of the wretched tenants??
3. What does the Old Testament reference in verse 42 mean? How does it relate to this text?
4. Who will eventually inherit the kingdom of God? What is meant by "producing fruit?"
5. The religious leaders knew this parable was about them. Why didn't they take action against Jesus?

WRAP UP

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