

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, October 11, 2026 (Pentecost 20)

Isaiah 25:1-9

Discussion Starters

1. How would you describe the mood of this reading? What leads Isaiah and the people to proclaim "O Lord, You are my God?"
2. The "city" and "fortified town" symbolize all the things in which people have placed their pride and confidence. What will be the result of God's judgment on these things? Where do people place their pride and confidence today?
3. How are God's relationships with the poor and needy described here?
4. In what ways has God sheltered you from the storms of life and the heat of the desert?
5. What strikes you most about the promises in vv. 6-9? How do you see those themes captured in the New Testament?

Philippians 4:1-9

Discussion Starters

1. How were these two women harming the church? How can the readers of Paul's words "help these women?"
2. What promises does God make in these verses? What are the conditions for those promises to be fulfilled?
3. What does Paul prescribe as the treatment for stress? Does that seem like "merely words from a preacher" or a real solution to you? How have you seen it work in your life?
4. What is Paul's solution for negative thinking? What do you think he would say to the church today about all that we can find on TV and the internet?

Matthew 22:1-14

Discussion Starters

1. Why is this banquet being held? What truth is Jesus trying to teach by describing a banquet?
2. Why is the response of those originally invited surprising to the host?
3. Who did the host eventually invite? Why would that have been shocking to those hearing Jesus tell the parable?
4. What is the problem with the one guest (vv. 11-12)? Why is he banished? Why is proper dress such a big deal?

WRAP UP

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