Lectionary *Bible Study*
For Sunday, November 1, 2026 (All Saints' Sunday)

OPENING QUESTION: What is All Saints' Sunday and why do we celebrate it?

Revelation 7:9-17

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on All Saints' Sunday?
2. How does the author describe the crowd he sees? What are they doing? Wearing? Carrying?
3. What is the significance of the white robes, the palm branches and the washing?
4. What is the new function of those in the white robes? What is their future? How would this encourage the original recipients of this letter?
5. What qualifies this crowd to stand before God?
6. What is the "great tribulation" out of which these people have come?
7. What lessons can present-day Christians take from this vision?

1 John 3:1-3

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on All Saints' Sunday?
2. What do you learn about God in these verses? What do you learn about Christians?
3. What does it mean to be "children of God?"
4. According to this passage, what can we know and what do we not yet know?
5. How have you personally experienced the lavish love of God?

Matthew 5:1-12

Discussion Starters

1. Why would this be an important text to read on All Saints' Sunday?
2. In these verses, is Jesus describing who His followers <u>*are*</u> or describing what His followers <u>*do*</u>? Why do you think that is so?
3. What does this portion of the Sermon on the Mount teach you about the Kingdom?
4. What does it mean to be "blessed?"
5. How do these eight qualities relate to the promises that follow them?

WRAP UP

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