



LIGHT FROM THE LECTIONARY

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From BIBLE STUDIES BY E-MAIL

RCL Readings:

Deut 26:1-11

Ps 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A. Deut 26:1-11. Have you ever traced your family tree? What did you learn?
- B. What meals stand out in your memory? What did you learn about yourself from and through them?
- C. What do you find most meaning when you partake of Holy Communion?
- D. How do you help your children and grandchildren know who they are? What family traditions did you have and seek to continue?
- E. Who might you be leaving out or behind? Whose place at the table is empty? Are there places for unexpected guests?
- F. When you wish to show your thanks to God, how do you do it? Do you make tithes and offerings?
- G. Ps 91. Recall a time when you felt supremely secure. Where was it? Why did you feel that way?
- H. What does the word "shelter" mean to you? "Fortress"? "Refuge"?

I. When and how have you most recently experienced the protective care of God?

J. Romans 10:8b-13. If someone asked you, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" what would you say?

K. How would you explain how someone becomes a Christian?

L. Can you remember a time when you believed in your heart and confessed with your lips that Jesus was alive and was Lord?

M. If you really meant that "Jesus is Lord," what changes might that mean for your life?

N. Luke 4:1-13. When have you found yourself at the Jordan, filling empowered by the Spirit and affirmed as God's child?

P. When have you sensed God calling you to take some path, or take on some ministry? Where you tested after I? How?

Q. Where are you on this journey now:

Haven't started yet?

Just begun?

At the Jordan and loving it?

In the wilderness?

Sitting on the sidelines?

Lost?

Got your second wind?

Seeing the finish line?

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