

Bible Study Questions:

Weeks 1-13, Jan 1 – Apr 1

Week One – Jan. 1-7

Genesis 1-24, Psalm 1-7

1. What do you think it means for mankind to be made in the image of God?
2. In Genesis 12, God calls Abraham to leave his homeland and walk by faith. What big steps of faith do you think God might be calling you to take?
3. What do you think the significance is of God walking through the covenant alone when He makes His promise to Abraham? How does that affect our lives today?

Week Two – Jan. 8-14

Genesis 25-45, Psalm 8-14

1. Jacob's time in the house of Laban was filled with confusion and lies. What stands out to you about Jacob from this time period?
2. Joseph's division with his brothers reveals a lot about Joseph's character. What are some character traits you see in Joseph that are worth emulating?
3. Joseph watches the Lord turn a terrible situation into one that brings about deliverance for God's people. What hope does God using Joseph's situation give us in our troubles?

Week Three – Jan. 15-21

Genesis 45 – Exodus 15, Psalm 15-21

1. When Moses is called by God, Moses doubts his call in many ways. How does God help Moses overcome this doubt?
2. What are the plagues God sends on Egypt meant to show us about God's character?
3. In the Passover meal, there are many symbols that point us forward to Jesus. What symbols did you see that brought your mind to Christ?

Week Four – Jan. 22-28

Exodus 16-34, Psalm 22-28

1. As the Israelites begin to complain in the wilderness, what is your reaction to this as a reader? How is your heart similar or different from Israel when you are in times of waiting?
2. The introduction of the Ten Commandments is a proclamation that our God is God alone. How does this proclamation frame our thinking about God's law?
3. What are some laws that stand out to you or strike you in a particular sense?

Week Five – Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Exodus 35-Leviticus 18, Psalm 29-35

1. Throughout the book of Exodus, we see a pattern of Israel going between faithfulness and sin. How can you relate to that pattern?
2. What are some of the passages that show that God is remaining faithful to His covenant to Abraham?
3. Leviticus spends a few chapters explaining the role of priests. How does this expand your understanding of our call to be a "kingdom or priests"?

Week Six – Feb. 5-11

Leviticus 19-Numbers 10, Psalm 36-42

1. All the animal sacrifices that made Israel holy pointed ahead to Jesus who makes us holy. What practical steps can we take to remain holy?
2. Leviticus outlined ways the people of Israel could express thanks to God and communicate remorse for sin. How can we do that today?
3. Numbers shows how the Israelites should set up the presence of God at the center of their camp. How can you place God in the center of your life?

Week Seven – Feb. 12-18

Numbers 11-30, Psalm 43-49

1. When the spies went to scope out the promised land, they let fear distract them from God's promises. What fears may be hindering your obedience to God?
2. How does the bronze serpent symbolize Jesus? How can you make sure you are looking to Him today?
3. What does the story of Balaam teach us about God's faithfulness to His covenant with Israel? How can that encourage us today?

Week Eight – Feb. 19-25

Numbers 31-Deuteronomy 12, Psalm 50-56

1. Just as the presence of God led Israel in the wilderness, so the Holy Spirit is meant to guide us today. How can you practically be led by the spirit?
2. Moses calls Israel to remain faithful to God. What are some areas of your life where you can be faithful to God?
3. Deuteronomy 6 instructs us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your strength." How can you learn to love God like that?

Week Nine – Feb. 26-Mar. 4

Deuteronomy 13-31, Psalm 57-63

1. Deuteronomy establishes many things about the worship of God. What stood out to you about worship in chapters 12 through 16?
2. God gives many laws about justice and fairness in Deuteronomy. Did any one particular law convict you?
3. The final speech of Moses outlines how obedience leads to blessing and rebellion leads to devastation. What areas of your life require you to be more obedient to God?

Week Ten – Mar. 5-11

Deuteronomy 32 – Judges 3, Psalm 64-70

1. In what ways is Joshua a picture of Jesus?
2. What are some practical ways we can apply the way Israel followed God into battle?
3. At the conclusion of the book, Joshua says that he and his household will serve the Lord. How are you living that out?

Week Eleven – Mar. 12-18

Judges 4 – Ruth 4, Psalm 71-77

1. Who is one judge that stands out to you? Why?
2. How can we learn from the story of Samson?
3. How does the book of Judges affect or deepen the way we look at God's faithfulness?

Week Twelve – Mar. 19-25

1 Samuel 1-24, Psalm 78 – 84

1. How does Saul's rebellion warn us about faithfulness to God?
2. God chose David because he was a "man after God's own heart." What does that mean?
3. What can we learn practically from David conquering Goliath?

Week Thirteen – Mar. 26-Apr. 1

1 Samuel 25 – 2 Samuel 18, Psalm 85 – Ps 91

1. How does David sparing Saul teach us about God's character?
2. How does David falling in sin with Bathsheba warn us?
3. Can you describe a time when someone acted for you like Nathan did in 2 Samuel 12? What did you learn from that experience?

Weeks 14-26, Apr 2 – Jul 1

Week Fourteen – Apr. 2-8

2 Samuel 19 – 1 Kings 16, Psalm 92-98

1. How does the end of David's life affect his legacy?
2. What can we learn from Solomon asking God for wisdom?
3. What does the building of the temple teach you about God's glory?

Week Fifteen – Apr. 9-15

1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 17, Ps 99 – 105

1. 1 and 2 Kings evaluates success for a king as loving the Lord and following His commands. How does that criteria affect how you see success?
2. What in the stories of Elijah and Elisha teach us about raising up the next generation?
3. In 2 Kings 17, Israel falls into judgment and exile for a lack of faithfulness and idolatry. How are you fighting idolatry in your life?

Week Sixteen – Apr. 16-22

2 Kings 18 – Isaiah 17, Ps 106 – 112

1. Josiah's call for revival comes out of a devotion for God's word. How can we turn a love of God's word into revival?
2. How does Isaiah's vision in chapter 6 teach us about purity in our lives before God?
3. What are some clear messianic prophesies you can see in the first 10 chapters of Isaiah? How do they help shape your view of Jesus?

Week Seventeen – Apr. 23-29

Isaiah 18 – 44, Ps 113 – 119:32

1. In chapters 24-27, judgment ends with the hope of a new, perfect kingdom. How does this help us in our current difficulties?
2. Hezekiah seeks worldly help rather than God's spiritual help for the kingdom. In what ways do we rely on worldly help over God's help?
3. The second half of Isaiah announces a hope in a prophetic king whom Israel is called to serve. How do you respond to God's grace through service?

Week Eighteen – Apr. 30-May 6

Isaiah 45 – 66, Psalm 119:33-121

1. What does Isaiah's focus on the future, perfect kingdom teach us about hope in Christ?
2. How does Isaiah 53 point us to the crucifixion of Jesus?
3. What is striking about Jesus being presented to us as the "Suffering Servant"?

Week Nineteen – May 7-13

Hosea, Joel, Amos, & Obadiah, Ps 122 – 128

1. What does the image of Hosea marrying Gomer show us about God's feelings towards the sin of His people?
2. What do the books of Joel and Obadiah teach us about the Day of the Lord?
3. What does Amos calling for Israel to act justly show us about God's character?

Week Twenty – May 14-20

Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, & Job 1-3, Ps 129 – 135

1. How does Jonah point us forwards towards and make us long for Jesus?
2. How do the minor prophets in this section show you God's perfect mixture of mercy and justice?
3. Job begins with God allowing Satan to test Job. What does this show us about evil in our world?

Week Twenty-one – May 21-27

Job 4-31, Psalm 136-142

1. Job's friends continually seek out the wrong Job did to receive this judgment. How does this reflect a bad view of God's justice?
2. How can you relate to Job's lamenting in this book? What does this show us about human suffering?
3. What does the book of Job show us about Satan?

Week Twenty-two – May 28-June 3

Job 32-42, Psalm 1&2, & Proverbs 1-6, Psalm 143-149

1. What does the conclusion of Job teach us about our human perspective?
2. How can the Psalms motivate and stimulate our prayer?
3. What are some advantages of wisdom discussed in Proverbs?

Week Twenty-three – June 4-10

Proverbs 7 – 27, Psalm 150 – 6

1. What are some of the advantages of wisdom the book of Proverbs reveals to us?

2. The Proverbs touch on many different topics in life. Which ones stand out to you?
3. How do the Proverbs point us ahead to Jesus?

Week Twenty-four – June 11-17

Proverbs 28 – 31, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Jeremiah 1-3, Ps 7 – 13

1. How does the picture of life in Ecclesiastes stand out from the rest of Scripture?
2. What is the proper response to life as depicted in Ecclesiastes?
3. How does the book of Song of Solomon give us wisdom for romantic relationships today?

Week Twenty-five – June 18-24

Jeremiah 4-29, Ps 14 – 20

1. Jeremiah shows Israel how they have been unfaithful to God's covenant. What would being faithful to our covenant with God mean today?
2. What does Jeremiah's sermon in chapter 7 show us about God's heart for His people?
3. What does Israel's leaders rejecting Jeremiah teach us about the role of the church within the culture?

Week Twenty-six – June 25-July 1

Jeremiah 30-52, Psalm 21-27

1. How do chapter 30 through 33 reveal hope in the midst of judgment?
2. How does God outlining His judgment on the other nations reveal more of God's character and justice?

Weeks 27-39, Jul 2 – Sep 30

Week Twenty-seven – July 2-8

Lamentations, Ezekiel 1-15, Psalm 28-34

1. What does Lamentations teach us about caring for the people of God?
2. How does Ezekiel's obedience to God encourage us towards obedience?
3. What do we learn about God in Ezekiel's temple vision in chapters 8 through 11?

Week Twenty-eight – July 9-15

Ezekiel 16-36, Psalm 35-41

1. How do the pictures of Israel's disobedience convict us of our own disobedience?
2. How does Ezekiel point us forward to Jesus as our messiah?
3. What does it mean to have a new heart as Ezekiel describes it?

Week Twenty-nine – July 16-22

Ezekiel 37-48, Ezra, Nehemiah 1-3, Psalm 42-48

1. How do the pictures of hope in Ezekiel make us long for Christ?
2. How does Ezra preparing for his work guide us in our ministry?

Week Thirty – July 23-29

Nehemiah 4-13, Esther, Daniel 1-3, Psalm 49-55

1. How does Nehemiah teaching the Scriptures to the people encourage our own Bible reading?
2. How does Esther stand out as a model of bravery in the midst of her culture?
3. What does Daniel's obedience in chapter 1 show us about trusting God?

Week Thirty-two – Aug. 6-12

Malachi-1 Chronicles 1-24, Psalm 63-69

1. How does the book of Malachi point us forward to Jesus?
2. How does this portrayal of David match up and differ with the portrayal in 1&2 Samuel?
3. How does chapter 17 point us ahead to God living with His people?

Week Thirty-three – Aug. 13-19

1 Chronicles 25-2, Chronicles 24, Psalm 70 – 76

1. What can we learn from David helping Solomon prepare for building the temple?
2. How does Solomon's prayer in 2 Chronicles 6 guide our relationship with Christ?
3. What stood out to you about the kings mentioned throughout the book that was different from 1&2 Kings?

Week Thirty-four – Aug. 20-26

2 Chronicles 25, Matthew 6, Psalm 77 – 83

1. How does the ending of 2 Chronicles show us the kingdom was not fully established back then?
2. The birth of Jesus has many instances where the Holy Spirit guides people. What can we learn from these examples?
3. How does Matthew 5 and 6 give us a perspective of what Christians should be like?

Week Thirty-five – Aug. 27-Sept. 2

Matthew 7-20, Psalm 84-90

1. What do the stories in chapters 8-10 teach us about the kingdom of God?
2. What parables in chapter 13 stand out compared to the responses seen in the previous chapters?
3. What do we learn about Jesus from his dealings with the Pharisees?

Week Thirty-six – Sept. 3-9

Matthew 21-28, Mark 1-6, Psalm 91-97

1. How does the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem shape your view of Jesus?
2. What does the crucifixion story tell you about the followers of Jesus?
3. How do the miracles of Jesus show him bringing the kingdom of God to the world?

Week Thirty-seven – Sept. 10-16

Mark 7-16, John 1-4, Psalm 98-104

1. How does Jesus predicting his own death stand out within the book?
2. How does Jesus celebrating the last supper in Mark 14 reframe the way we should read about Passover in Exodus?
3. How does Jesus with the woman at the well in John 4 shape our evangelism?

Week Thirty-eight – Sept. 17-23

John 5-21, Psalm 105-111

1. What do the 7 I Am statements of Jesus show us about the Messiah?
2. What is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples supposed to symbolize?
3. What do we learn about Jesus in the story of his arrest in John 18?

Week Thirty-nine – Sept. 24-30

Luke 1-13, Psalm 112-118

1. What do we learn about Jesus from his baptism?
2. How can we follow the example Jesus gives in sending out the 70 in Luke 10?
3. How does the teaching of Jesus on prayer in Luke 11 motivate our prayers?

Weeks 40-52, Oct 1 – Dec 31

Week Forty – Oct. 1-7

Luke 14-24, Acts 1-4, Psalm 119-120

1. Which character in the story of the prodigal son should we relate to? How does that shape our view of God's love for us?
2. What stands out about the crucifixion of Jesus in Luke?
3. What can we learn about the Old Testament from the conversation on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24?

Week Forty-one – Oct. 8-14

Acts 5-18, Psalm 121-127

1. What does the speech of Stephen teach us about the Old Testament?
2. What does Peter's encounter with Cornelius teach us about God's kingdom today?
3. How does Paul's speech in Acts 17 shape our evangelistic efforts?
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Week Forty-two – Oct. 15-21

Acts 19-28, Romans 1-4, Psalm 128-134

1. What do we learn about Paul from all of his speeches in front of government officials?
2. What does Romans 1 teach us about the condition of the human heart?
3. How does Romans 3 show us the way God saved us?

Week Forty-three – Oct. 22-28

Romans 5-16, 1 Corinthians 1-2, Psalm 135-141

1. How do Romans 7 & 8 teach us about our relationship with God?
2. What do Romans 9-11 show us about God's plan for Israel?
3. How can we apply the practical teachings of Romans 12-16?

Week Forty-four – Oct. 29-Nov. 4

1 Corinthians 3-16, Psalm 142-148

1. What does 1 Corinthians teach us about having a Biblical ethic regarding sexuality?
2. What can we gain today from Paul's discussion about food sacrificed to idols?
3. Why does Paul put so much emphasis on the resurrection in chapter 15?