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*Bible in a Year Plan Questions (Week 1) [pair with the 7 arrows of  
Bible Study]*

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – [Read Romans 1-2]

- 1) Why does Paul write the greeting in Romans 1:1-7 with a lot of doctrine (teaching) about God? How do we tend to think about God?
- 2) When have we been ashamed about the gospel? Why? How do verses 16 and 17 encourage us and build us up to be confident in the gospel?
- 3) How do we understand Colossians 3:5-11 and Romans 1:18-32 together? How can we specifically show others that God makes himself known in His creation?
- 4) Romans 2:1 begins with the word ‘therefore’ which means that Paul is specifically pointing us back to what we just read in chapter 1. How do these two passages connect to one another?
- 5) Jesus discusses judging others (Matt. 7:1-6) in the same light that Paul does (Rom. 2:17-24). How do these passages draw us to humility and not pride?

1<sup>st</sup> Monday – [Read Genesis 1-3]

- 1) What did God create on the 6 days of creation? Why is it important that we know this?
- 2) From reading just Genesis 1:26-31 we learn about the image of God in mankind. What does knowing our identity as image-bearers have to do with our daily lives?
- 3) Moses spends the entirety of chapter 2 discussing the creation of mankind. Why does this draw us to praise and find joy in our Creator?
- 4) What does God’s creation of all things tell us about his sovereignty over all things? [taken from the GospelProject]
- 5) What did the fall do to mankind’s relationship with God? One another? The rest of creation? How is this chapter important for how we understand the world that we live in?

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – [Read Joshua 1-5]

- 1) What (not who – while who is very important) encourages Joshua (Joshua 1:1-9)? How do these things also encourage us as believers? And what does that tell us about the promises of God? [context is key here in determining the promises of God]
- 2) Why does Joshua mention Rahab’s job in Ch. 2? Rahab is commended for her faith in two other passages in the New Testament – what are those passages?
- 3) What event in the book of Exodus is very similar to the parting of the Jordan in chapter 3? How did this help build confidence in the Israelite people? How does it build confidence in us?
- 4) What does the end of chapter four (19-24) tell us about the importance of family Discipleship? What are ways that we are telling others, as well as our family about God, based upon what He has done in our lives?
- 5) Circumcision is the Old Testament equivalent of baptism. Why does Joshua have to circumcise the Israelites again? How does verse 6 draw us to a sense of faith and humility and not works-based righteousness?

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – [Read Psalm 1-2]

- 1) What is something that we are joyful about? What is our natural reaction to God’s Word? What are the steps we can take to meditate on it day *and* night?
- 2) Psalm 1 talks about the life of the wicked (the unsaved) and the joy of the one who follows the law of the Lord (believers). Based on this psalm, how do we know where our joy comes from?
- 3) Psalm 2 is a messianic psalm which means that it is a psalm that proclaims Christ, what are 2 things in this passage that point us to a characteristic of Jesus?

- 4) Who does God laugh at as He is enthroned in heaven? Why does He laugh at them?
- 5) How do we practically serve the Lord with fear? And on that note, how do we rejoice and tremble at the same time?

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – [Read Job 1-2]

- 1) Job begins with the story of a man named Job who had great wealth, and loved the Lord, not because of his wealth but because He is God. Just from verses 1:1-5 how do we know that Job feared the Lord?
- 2) What do verses 1:6-10 tell us about the Sovereignty (the lordship) of God?
- 3) How does Job deal with the loss of his animals, servants, his sheep, and camels, and his family (including His wife who turned away from God)? How do we deal with suffering? Is our relationship with God tainted by our present suffering?
- 4) The Adversary gets personal with the attacks on Job's health, but Job responds with "Should we accept only good from God and not adversity". What does this tell us about Job's view of the Lord?
- 5) As the body of Christ, how do we come alongside one another in their suffering? What did Job's friends do for 7 days?

1<sup>st</sup> Friday – [Read Isaiah 1-6]

- 1) Why does Isaiah add verse 1 into His great book of prophetic wisdom? Why is it important that we understand the context of any passage?
- 2) Who are the children that God has raised up? And based on all of Isaiah 1 how have those children rebelled?
- 3) What sin patterns do you see in Isaiah 1-5 that are still apparent in our day? [taken from the Christ Expository commentary].
- 4) In Isaiah 6:1-3 what do we learn about the glory of God? Then in verses 4-8 what do we learn about the attitude of Isaiah in light of the glory of God?
- 5) How does the coal put on Isaiah's mouth in verses 6-7 represents Christ in the New Testament? Why should this cause us to praise God?

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – [Read Matthew 1-2]

- 1) What is the purpose of the genealogy at the beginning of chapter 1 of Matthew? What about a genealogy makes us want to praise God?
- 2) Why is the incarnation (Jesus taking on a human nature) so important to our lives as Christians? What does the incarnation cause us to do?
- 3) Why were the people troubled (2:3) when they heard the news of the wise men? Why did the wise men rejoice when they saw the star (2:10)?
- 4) How can we praise God for his goodness when we read passages like 2:16-18? How do we better understand the brokenness of the world in passages like this?
- 5) Matthew's audience is super important to how He writes his gospel, and in the first two chapters, there are four different explicit references back to the Old Testament. Go back and read those passages in the Old Testament to help you get a better understanding of what is going on in these two chapters.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – [Read Romans 3-4]

- 1) Romans 3:10-12, 23 talks about the depravity of man (that mankind in our own power cannot have a relationship with God). How does this help better understand the weight of our sin?
- 2) How does the law help us understand who we are apart from God? How does the law point to our need for a Savior? Why should this compel us to tell others about the gospel?
- 3) Why does Paul write Romans 3:23-25 with a stark contrast?
- 4) Paul writes that “For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law”. How does this compare with what James writes in 2:14-26? How do these ideas not contradict but rather help us better understand the meaning of Romans 3?
- 5) How can we like Abraham (4:16-26) rest in the promises of God, despite what is going on in the

broken world? 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – [Read Genesis 4-7]

- 1) Why did God accept Abel’s sacrifice and not Cain’s? How does this narrative help us understand our view of worship?
- 2) How did God’s prophecy come to pass in verse 7? What does God tell us to do with our sin? How was Jesus the accepted sacrifice in the New Testament?
- 3) Look at the rhythm and the pattern of chapter 5 (reread it because you probably skimmed over it the first time you read it), who or what breaks the pattern? Why is that important to us and the original readers?
- 4) How was God’s Command and Covenant to “be fruitful and multiply” from chapter 1 tainted by the fall of man?
- 5) What does the flood teach us about the wrath of God against sin? What does the cross teach us about the wrath of God against sin? What do both teach us about the mercy of God?

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – [Read Joshua 6-10]

- 1) What does God’s commandment of Joshua and the Israelites tell us about the power of God? Could the Israelites have followed the commandment of God without his power and still taken down the city?
- 2) How does 7:13 apply to us today? What are the idols that we need to put to death and repent from? How can we help our brothers and sisters in Christ in doing this?
- 3) Why does Joshua renew the covenant with the people? What is the covenant that is made between God and Jesus in the New Testament? How are these covenants similar?
- 4) What is the point of all the different conquests given in these chapters? What is the end goal?
- 5) How does chapter 1 of Genesis relate to the main event in chapter 10? Also, how does psalm 23 relate to the fact that God fought for Israel? What does chapter 10 tell us about the attributes of God?

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – [Read Psalm 3-5]

- 1) Where does psalm 3 fit into the timeline of the rest of Scripture? Why does this specific context matter when reading this specific psalm?
- 2) Selah in Hebrew means to rest or to pause. Each time that you see the word Selah in psalms 3-4 take a moment and pray about what you just read.
- 3) What does it mean practically that God is our refuge, as David says several times in these psalms? What do we need refuge from as believers? Pray for other believers around the globe who need God as their refuge like David does in these psalms.

- 4) We find comfort in prayer because from psalm 4:3 we know that He hears us when we pray. How does this encourage us to pray more often?
- 5) Salvation in psalm 3:8 has two meanings, how does it both relate to David and Jesus?

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – [Read Job 3-4]

- 1) How is Job's bitter lament similar to passages like Psalm 88 and Jeremiah 20:14-15? Have we cried out like this to God before? What was the lament for?
- 2) In what ways was Job lamenting his birth godly and ungodly? What does it mean for us to lament in an ungodly way? How can we praise God in our sadness?
- 3) In v7 we see that Eliphaz doesn't understand the Fall of man. How do we know this?
- 4) How can we, who know the gospel find comfort in 4:17? What do we know about the gospel from this verse?
- 5) When we read Job's responses and lament, as well as Job's "friends" responses, we need to understand that they were not perfect, and we need to understand that all Scripture is inspired and breathed out by God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). How can each of these ideas help us make sense of the other one?

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – [Read Isaiah 7-11]

- 1) Where do we see the prophecy of Isaiah, to the house of David, fulfilled in the New Testament? What does the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy in the New Testament affirm in us as believers?
- 2) Isaiah tells the people of Israel that the Lord of Armies is the only one who is to be regarded as holy, feared, and held in awe. What are things in our lives that we are in more awe of than God? How do these things actually point us to God?
- 3) In chapter 9 the reader of Isaiah gets a beautiful depiction as to who the Messiah would be; how do these attributes help us understand Jesus better? What do these attributes cause us to do?
- 4) Read Romans 11, what are the similarities between this chapter and Isaiah chapter 10?
- 5) In chapter 11 why is it important that we know when David and Isaiah lived? How does Jesus fulfill what is prophesied of Him here in verses 6-9 and 10?

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – [Read Matthew 3-4]

- 1) What Old Testament (non-writing) prophet did John the Baptist embody? Why does John rebuke the religious teachers when they come to his baptism?
- 2) What is John's baptism of? Why does John baptize Jesus? What made this baptism different than any other baptism up to this point?
- 3) Why is it important that the spirit sends Jesus out to the wilderness to be tested?
- 4) How does Jesus refute temptation? Why does this affirm that we should hide the Word of God in our hearts by memorizing it?
- 5) Read Matthew 28:1-20 and then reread Matthew 4:18-22. How does Jesus make the disciples fishers of men? How is the command to make fishers of men similar to the command to make disciples of nations?

*Bible in a Year Plan Questions (Week 3)*

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3rd Sunday - [Read Romans 5-6]

- 1) Why is it hard to live out verses like 5:3? What are the promises of Scripture that prove we can find our refuge in God despite our present suffering?
- 2) 5:8 holds the incredible promise that “while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Why is it incredible that the perfect, holy, and Sovereign King sent His Son to die for sinners?
- 3) According to verses 5:12-18, why is it great that our free gift of salvation was not based on our works, but instead given freely by God?
- 4) Because we are believers in the gospel, what sin do we need to confess, repent of and put to death? Like the Romans we cannot use the excuse of “okay i'll sin this time but its okay because God is going to forgive me because of his grace”. Have we used this excuse when dealing with our sin and why is it wrong to make this claim?
- 5) Take a look at your current relationship with Christ and then reread Rom. 6:15-23. Who are you a slave to?

3rd Monday - [Read Genesis 8-11]

- 1) How long did the flood (not the rain) last? Why is it important that we see this distinction in the word?
- 2) What is the same about the covenant that God made in Eden and the covenant that He makes with Noah and his family and with the beasts to the field? What is the command that He gives twice in chapter 9?
- 3) (8:20-22) What hasn't changed with mankind from Adam and Eve's removal from the garden? Does this still continue in our lives?
- 4) What does the genealogy in chapter 10 tell us about God? Why are all genealogies important?
- 5) What was the sin of the people of the earth in Gen. 11? What does Chapter 11:1-9 have to do with Acts 2:1-13?