



**Through the
Bible in a
Year**
Weeks 41 to 45

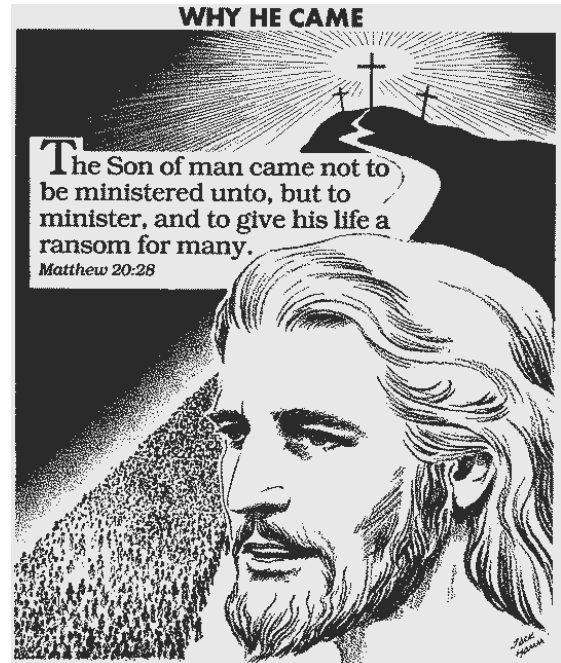
Haggai 1 – Acts 8

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalm 119:105

These courses are designed to be used in any calendar year for a small group to read the Bible together. It is based on having 52 meetings in a year so it will work with any year, since all days of the week always occur at least 52 times in a year. Those who attend are expected to read 3 or 4 chapters of the Bible each day (10 chapters every 3 days) for 51 weeks.

During class the reading is minimized so that there is sufficient time to discuss together what has been read. The class may want to consider each having specific topics that they are responsible for noticing and analyzing. For instance, one person may be responsible for noticing all the examples of prayers and another may be looking for God's promises or whatever you decide between you.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Week 41	-- Haggai 1 - Matthew 4
Week 42	-- Matthew 5 - Matthew 27
Week 43	-- Matthew 28 - Luke 6
Week 44	-- Luke 7 - John 5
Week 45	-- John 6 - Acts 8



Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst)
3. Pray (The idea is to leave our troubles with God so we can give Him our full attention.)
4. Read the lesson's scripture aloud from the Bible (or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is Scripture based.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your Think & Pray answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Discuss any questions or insights anyone has from their reading that week.
9. Close in prayer (It is good to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission first.)
10. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about one third of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting. If you take less time, answer "For Further Thought" questions or the reading questions from the previous week.

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Week 41 (Oct 11) -- Haggai 1 - Matthew 4

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

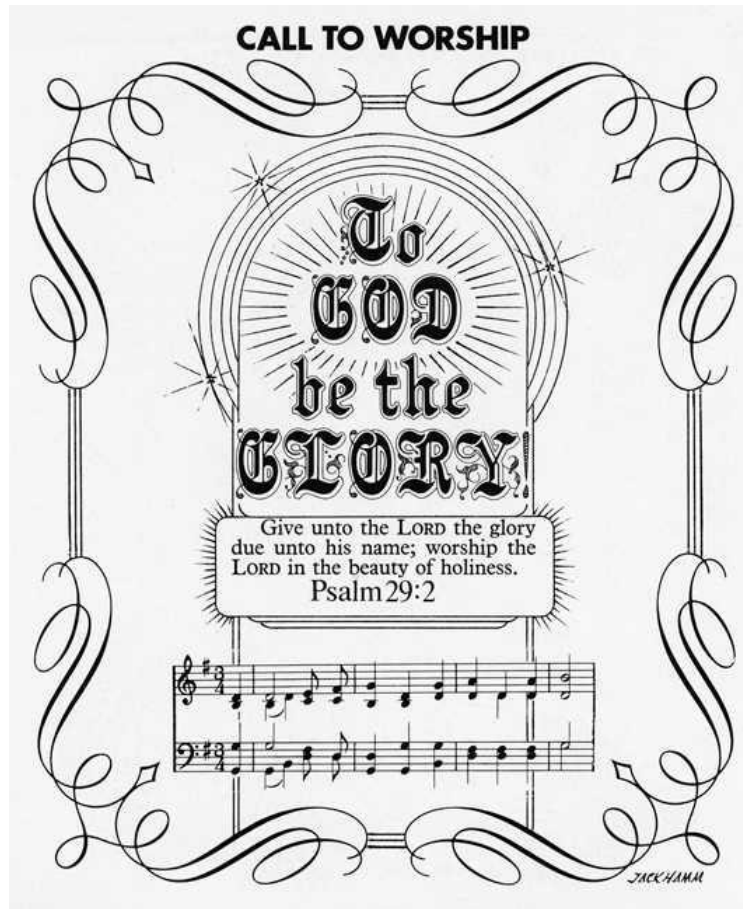
[A] Haggai 1:9 How did God's house look? _____

[B] Haggai 2:9 How was God's house going to look? _____

[C] 1 Peter 3:3-4 What is precious in God's sight? _____

[D] There is an old proverb (not in the Bible) that says, "Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder." The idea is that what looks good and what does not look good is all a matter of opinion. However, in Haggai it talks about how good the temple doesn't look, and how good it will look. That seems to imply that how good something looks is a matter of God's opinion, not ours. If God thinks so, it is so. Does that mean that beauty is a real quality that a person or thing can have apart from the opinion of those who are looking? Why?

Think & Pray _____



For further thought:

- (w) Haggai 1:8 tells them to build the temple so that the Lord will be pleased and glorified. What do you do to try to please and glorify the Lord?
- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 42 (Oct 11-17) -- Matthew 5 - Matthew 27

Sunday -- Matthew 5-Matthew 7

- (5a) Do Psalms 35:1, 37:12, 38:20, 119:71 & 119:161 give us more understanding of Matthew 5:10-12?
- (5b) What does Matthew 5:45 tell us about the nature of God?
- (6a) Compare Matthew 6:5-13 with Luke 11:1-4. What is the same? What is different? So what?
- (6b) Matthew 6:19-24 What do you think Jesus means by "treasure?" More on this discussion on Sunday.
- (7a) Explain Matthew 7:1-5 This is the unbeliever's favorite passage but I don't think they understand it.
- (7b) Compare Matthew 7:7-12 with Luke 11:5-13. Is this a prayer, a promise, or what?

Monday -- Matthew 8-Matthew 10

- (8) Does Matt 8:14-17 mean that Jesus motives for healing people were not love but just showing off?
- (9) Matt 9:11 Jesus was often criticized for socializing with "bad" people. When was the last time you reached out to someone who is not well liked in general, or of low value by our culture's standards?
- (10) Why does Matthew tell us about the amazing detailed awareness of God in Matt 10:29-30?

Tuesday -- Matthew 11-Matthew 14

- (11) In Matt 11:7-15 Jesus compares John the Baptist with Elijah. What does He mean?
- (12a) What prophecy in Isaiah 42:1, 49:6-8 is fulfilled in Matthew 12:21? So what?
- (12b) Matthew 12:50 Is everyone in your extended family Christian and members of the same denomination? If you can answer yes you are in a very small minority. How does your family handle it?
- (13) Matthew 13:10-17 Jesus explained why he taught in parables. What did he mean? (See Ps 78:2)
- (14) Matthew 14:22-31 What does this story of walking on water teach us about our own Christian walk?

Wednesday -- Matthew 15-Matthew 17

- (15) Is Jesus condoning drug use and drunkenness in Matt 15:10-20?
- (16) Is Matt 16:27 Jesus refers to Ps 62:12. Is He talking about rewards or punishment? So what?
- (17) In Matt 17:1-5 how did they know it was Moses and Elijah? (Does Num 12:5-8 or Ex 34:29 help?)

Thursday -- Matthew 18-Matthew 20

- (18a) Matthew 18:15-20 Is this the conflict resolution process you use? Why or why not?
- (18b) Matthew 18:23-35 What does this parable mean? (Hint: Matthew 6:14-15, Luke 17:1-10)
- (19a) What does Matthew 19:5 mean by, "... the two shall become one flesh?"
- (19b) Does Matthew 19:29 imply that we should divorce our spouse for God's sake?
- (20) In Matthew 20:20-34 who is praying for what and how does this help us understand prayer better?

Friday -- Matthew 21-Matthew 24

- (21) Compare Matthew 21:1-10, Mark 11:1-14, Luke 19:28-44, and 2 Kings 9:1-13. What did you learn?
- (22a) What can we learn from the way Jesus handled the taxation question in Matthew 22:15-22?
- (22b) Matthew 22:15-22 -- Has anyone ever tripped you up with a trick question? How did it feel?
- (23a) Matthew 23:16-22: How do you determine the order of priority or significance of things?
- (23b) Matthew 23:25-28: How different is your inner thought life from your outward words in actions?
- (24a) Please read Matthew 24:15. Now you have read it. It says that the reader is to understand. Do you? Compare it with Daniel 9:27, 11:31 and 12:11. Does the comparison help you understand?
- (24b) Matthew 24:20 Why pray about that? Aren't the times and events of the end times already decided?

Saturday -- Matthew 25-Matthew 27

- (25) Matthew 25:1-12 What are you doing to make sure you have oil in your lamp when He returns?
- (26) Some relate the 3 questions in John 21:15-17 with the 3 denials in Matt 26:30-35 & 69-75. Do you?
- (27) Matthew 27:45 How are we to understand what Jesus said here? Did God forsake Jesus?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Haggai 1:9 How did God's house look? It was desolate
- [B] Haggai 2:9 How was God's house going to look? Glorious
- [C] 1 Peter 3:3-4 What is precious in God's sight? A gentle and quiet spirit
- [D] In 1 Peter 3:3-4 the Bible says "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." It seems to me true beauty comes from being of worth to God, not how we look to others. That means it is not a matter of our opinion, but of His. We need to learn to look at things through His eyes. Only then will we be able to enjoy the real beauty in His creation.

Week 42 (Oct 18) -- Matthew 5 - Matthew 27

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] Matthew 6:19-21 Where is our heart? _____

[B] Matthew 6:22-24 How many masters can we serve? _____

[C] Matthew 6:19-24 What does treasure mean here? Where is your eye focused? How do you know?

Think & Pray _____



For further thought:

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 43 (Oct 18-24) -- Matthew 28 - Luke 6

Sunday -- Matthew 28-Mark 2

(28a) Is the baptism in Romans 6:3-4 and the baptism in Matthew 28:19 related? How do you know?

(28b) Matthew 28:16-20 What are you doing to carry out the commission given us here?

(28c) Do you really believe a dead guy just got up out of the grave and walked around? Why?

(1) Compare Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23, and John 1:28-34. So what?

(2) Compare Mark 2:1-12 with Isaiah 43:25. What does that imply about Jesus? Is there a promise here?

Monday -- Mark 3-Mark 6

(3) Compare Mark 3:29, Matthew 12:32, and Luke 12:10. What are they talking about?

(4) What is your "favorite" miracle of Jesus? Why? I like Mark 4:35-41.

(5) Mark 5:12-13 Does this passage mean that the Lord hears and answers the prayers of demons?

(6) In Mark 6:7 they were sent out in pairs. Why do you think He did this? (Hint: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Tuesday -- Mark 7-Mark 9

(7a) Mark 7:21-23 How can we guard against being deceived by this kind of greed?

(7b) Mark 7:27-29 How did the woman's argument convince Jesus to heal her daughter?

(8) Mark 8:22-26 Unlike every other miracle of Jesus this one required two steps instead of one. Why?

(9) Mark 9:23 If this is true why don't we all have perfect health and great wealth?

Wednesday -- Mark 10-Mark 12

(10) Mark 10:13-16 Do you think those children had different kinds of lives because of this event?

(11a) Mark 11:13-14, 20-21 What do these passages mean? (Hints: Jer 8:13; Mat 21:19; Luk 13:6-9)

(11b) Notice Mark 11:15-17 We plan to discuss it in depth on Sunday.

(12) Mark 12:37 What is the answer to Jesus question in this verse? (Hint: Ps 110:1-4)

Thursday -- Mark 13-Mark 16

(13) According to Mark 13:9-13, in what situation can we be confident the Holy Spirit speaks through us? Any time we feel like it? Any time we are arrested? How do you know? (See also Luke 12:12)

(14) In Mark 14 is there anyone to admire besides Jesus Christ?

(15) Compare Mark 15:34 with Psalm 22:1. Did God really forsake Jesus?

(16) Mark 16:14-18 Does this tell us we must handle snakes and let them bite us to prove our faith?

Friday -- Luke 1-Luke 3

(1) Compare Luke 1:31 with Judges 13:7. What do we learn by making this comparison?

(2a) What prophecy in Genesis 3:15 is fulfilled in Luke 2:5-7? So what?

(2b) Thinking about Luke 2:34-35: Have you asked Jesus Christ to reveal your heart to you?

(3) Luke 3:16-17. Have you been baptized with fire? Explain.

Saturday -- Luke 4-Luke 6

(4) Luke 4:16-29 What happened between v. 22 where they liked Him and v. 28 to make them so angry?

(5) Luke 5:36-39 Jesus is not really talking about cloth and wine bottles. What is He talking about?

(6) Pick one of the blessings in Luke 6:20-23 and explain what you think it means.

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

[A] Matthew 6:19-21 Where is our heart? Wherever our treasure is

[B] Matthew 6:22-24 How many masters can we serve at a time? One

[C] I think treasure talking about whatever you are counting on to get you through difficult times in the future or allow you to have what you really want. I think it is talking about doing things we believe will make God proud of us, that He will remind us about later when we are with Him in heaven. If we are looking toward heaven, if we are focused on the cross, if our heart's desire is to please God, we can sort our circumstances out just fine. If we are trying to do some kind of balancing act where we please various people around us, accumulate benefits and favors for ourselves, and somehow also please God, it will not work. We will fail. If we are going to have a heart wholly devoted to Him, if we are to keep our eyes on heaven and our motives pure, we need Him to be Lord of our life. If you already know Him my message to you is to let Him drive. Quit grabbing the steering wheel away from Him. If you don't know Him in a personal way, my plea to you is that you surrender to His control. He wants to adopt you into His family and fully bless your life.

Week 43 (Oct 25) -- Matthew 28 - Luke 6

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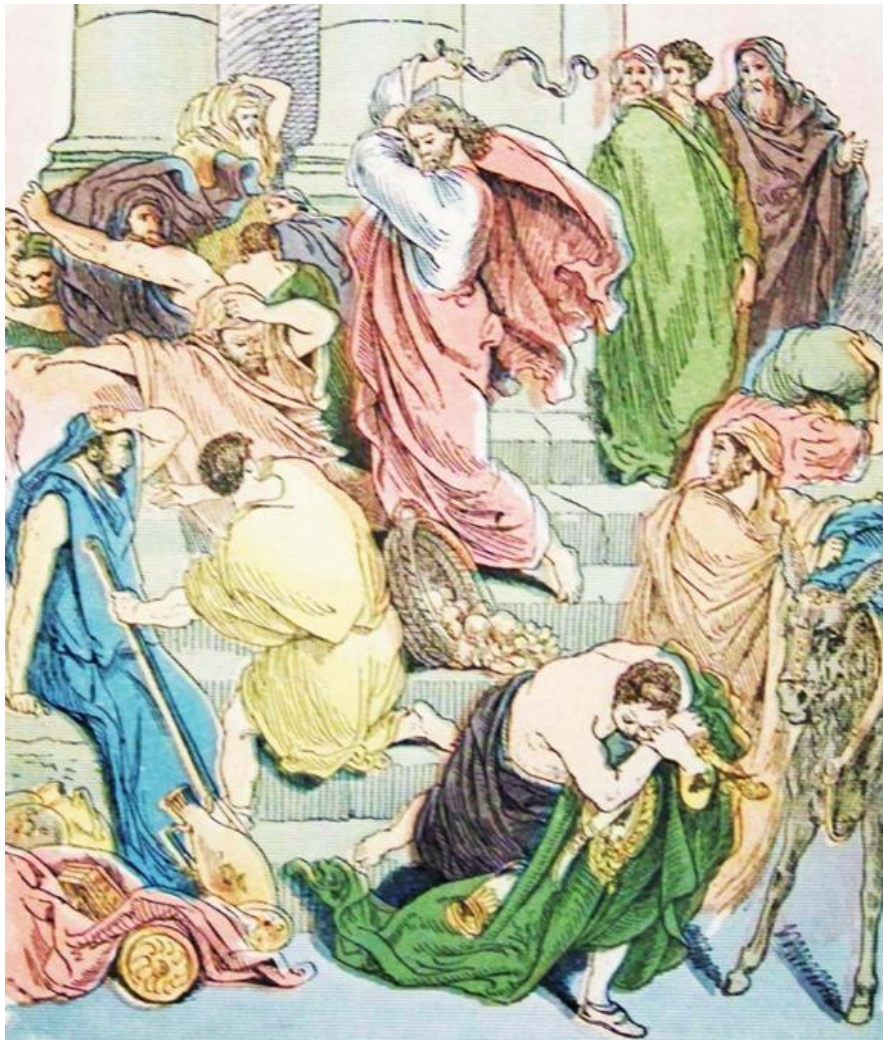
[A] Mark 11:15-17 Who did Jesus drive out? _____

[B] Isaiah 56:7 His house was to be a house of prayer for whom? _____

[C] Jeremiah 7:11 What had His house become? _____

[D] Mark 11:15-17 At our church we have bakes sales, raffles and such to raise money for various programs. We sometimes hold business meetings in the church sanctuary and talk about money and how we are going to spend it. In light of Jesus' reaction to the money changers and sellers are we doing wrong? Why? After all they were simply selling the animals people needed to make the sacrifices required in the Old Testament, and changing Roman money into Jewish money so people could make the necessary offering in the temple. Why did Jesus object to that?

Think & Pray _____



For further thought:

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 44 (Oct 25-31) -- Luke 7 - John 5

Sunday -- Luke 7-Luke 10

- (7) Luke 7:36-50 Which character in the story in this passage is more like you? Why?
- (8) Luke 8:4-15 Jesus explained the meaning of this parable. How can this be applied to our lives?
- (9) Luke 9:22-27, Romans 12:1-2 What has your Christian discipleship cost you?
- (10) Luke 10:25-37 The priest and Levites were supposed to be good examples and the Samaritans bad, but it is opposite in the parable. Who are you looking to be a good example? Whose good example are you?

Monday -- Luke 11-Luke 13

- (11) Compare Luke 11:5-13, Luke 18:1-7, Matthew 6:7-8 and 2nd Corinthians 12:8-10. So what?
- (12) Luke 12:57 implies we are supposed to know the difference between right and wrong. We all think we know the difference. If we are incorrect about knowing the difference, how would we ever know?
- (13) Luke 13:2-5 If repentance prevents death why do repentant people die?

Tuesday -- Luke 14-Luke 16

- (14) Luke 14:7-11 How possessive are you of your "regular" seat in the worship service?
- (15) Luke 15:11-32 Who do the people in this parable represent in reality. Which one is most like you?
- (16) Luke 16:19-31 How do you think God is going to comfort us in heaven about our lost loved ones?

Wednesday -- Luke 17-Luke 19

- (17) Luke 17:5-6: When did you last see trees flying about? Why not? Is there so little faith among us?
- (18) Luke 18:17 When we are grown it is too late for us to be saved? (Hint: Rom 16:19 & Phil 2:15)
- (19) In Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus did not offer to make restitution until people grumbled about him being a sinner. Does this have any implications for us? How important is the reputation of Jesus Christ to you?

Thursday -- Luke 20-Luke 23

- (20) Luke 20:1-18 What is the parable of the Wicked Vineyard Worker's about? (Hint: Matt 21:45)
- (20) Compare Luke 20:21-25 with Romans 13:1-8. What is the same and what is different? So what?
- (21) Luke 21:1-4: When was the last time you gave so much it hurt?
- (22) Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus taught that we should not worry, but in Luke 22:44 wasn't He worried?
- (23) Luke 23:47: How did the centurion know that Jesus was innocent?

Friday -- Luke 24-John 2

- (24) In Luke 24:11-12 Peter is unconvinced about the resurrection. If you had been him, would you have been convinced? Why or why not?
- (1a) John 1:1-5 How do we know that "the Word" in John 1:1 is Jesus Christ? (Hint: John 1:14-15, 29-30)
- (1b) What does John 1:14 mean when it says, "The word became flesh."
- (2a) John 2:1-12 Did the wine Jesus created have any alcohol content? How do you know?
- (2b) In John 2, Jesus attends a wedding feast in Cana. Does this tell us anything about marriage?
- (2c) On Sunday we plan to discuss how Jesus reacted to His mother during this feast in John 2.

Saturday -- John 3-John 5

- (3a) Compare John 3:14 with Numbers 21:7-9. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (3b) Compare John 3:16 and John 3:19-21. What is the difference between God's love and man's love?
- (4a) Compare John 4:10-14 with Ps 78:15-16; 105:41; Ex 17:6; 1Sam 2:1-10; Jer 2:13, John 7:37 and Num 20:11. So what?
- (4b) If you had a private conversation with Jesus, what would it be about?
- (5a) John 5:6 Why did Jesus ask Him if he wanted to get well? Wasn't that obvious?
- (5b) In John 5:31-47 Jesus calls on the testimony of witnesses for His claim of Lordship. If you needed to prove you were a Christian in a court of law, what evidence and witnesses could you provide?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Mark 11:15-17 Who did Jesus drive out? Those buying and selling
- [B] Isaiah 56:7 His house was to be a house of prayer for whom? All peoples
- [C] Jeremiah 7:11 What had His house become? A den of robbers
- [D] I don't think it is the same thing at all. In our church we are simply carrying out the necessary business of the church and it does not hinder worship at all. The money changers and animal sellers were in the worship area that was designated for gentiles to come and worship God. The inner court was reserved for Jews and the Holy of Holies for priests and Levites. That meant a gentile had no place to worship at all. Nothing we do in our church prevents anyone from worshipping.

Week 44 (Nov 1) -- Luke 7 - John 5

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] John 2:1-5 What did Mary say to the servants? _____

[B] John 2:6-11 Where did the headwaiter think the wine came from? _____

[C] In John 2:4, Jesus says to His mother, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." Was he being disrespectful? What was He talking about?

Think & Pray _____



For further thought:

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 45 (Nov 1-7) -- John 6 - Acts 8

Sunday -- John 6-John 9

- (6) John 6:6 What kind of test? Did Philip pass the test? Is it the same kind of test mentioned in Ex 16:4?
- (7) John 7:7 Is this why the world still hates Jesus? Explain.
- (8) In John 8:31 the truth about what will make you free from what?
- (9) What prophecy in Isaiah 35:5-6 is fulfilled in John 9:6-7? So what?

Monday -- John 10-John 12

- (10) How can Jesus be both the *door* (John 10:7-8) and the *good shepherd* (John 10:11&14)?
- (11) In John 11:17-27 what can we learn from how Jesus responded to Martha?
- (12) In John 12:27-28 Jesus is tempted to pray for deliverance, but instead prays otherwise. More on Sunday.

Tuesday -- John 13-John 15

- (13) John 13:35: How easy is it for people to tell that you are a disciple of Jesus? Does His love show?
- (14) John 14:1-7 How can we speak for Jesus Christ when we harbor doubts of our own?
- (15) In John 15:1-16 it mentions "fruit" 8 times. What does "fruit" mean in this context?

Wednesday -- John 16-John 19

- (16) What does John 16:5-15 tell us about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- (17) John 17:19 what does "sanctified in truth" mean? Have you been sanctified in truth? Why?
- (18) What is the answer to Pilate's question in Jn 18:38?
- (19) John 19:38-42 Who buried Jesus? Why does it matter who buried Him?

Thursday -- John 20-Acts 1

- (20) John 20:17-18 What did her clinging to Him have to do with ascending to the Father?
- (21a) John 21:4-6: If they did not recognize Him, why did they obey Him about where to cast their nets?
- (21b) Why do you suppose John included the detail of how many fish were caught in John 21:11?
- (1) Compare Acts 1:9-11 with Luke 24:50-51. What do we learn by making this comparison?

Friday -- Acts 2-Acts 4

- (2a) Compare Acts 2:3 and James 3:1-12. Are they talking about different kinds of tongues? So?
- (2b) What title or heading do you think would fit Peter's sermon in Acts 2:14-36?
- (3) If someone were to ask you what Peter's discourse in Acts 3:11-26 was about, what would you say?
- (4) Compare Acts 4:10-12 with Ps 118:22-23. What do we learn?

Saturday -- Acts 5-Acts 8

- (5a) In Acts 5:1-11 how did Peter know what had happened and what was going to happen?
- (5b) What does Acts 5:32 imply about the connection between obedience and the Holy Spirit?
- (6) Compare the decision making processes described in Acts 1:15-26, Acts 5:33-42 and Acts 6:1-6. Which one is the most like the process your church uses to make decisions? So what?
- (7) Briefly describe Stephen's defense in Acts 7:1-60. How does it apply to us today?
- (8) In Acts 8:14-24 who is praying for what, if anything, and what does it teach us about prayer?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

[A] John 2:1-5 What did Mary say to the servants? Obey Jesus Good advice for all.

[B] John 2:6-11 Where did the headwaiter think the wine came from? He did not know

[C] Critics often accuse Jesus of being rude to his mother here; by calling her "woman," however, as other phrases in the Bible and other Greek literature show, this is not a phrase of derision or rudeness but of loving respect. The term here is Jesus' normal, public way of addressing women. (See John 4:21, 8:10, 19:26, 20:31; Mt. 15:28; Lk. 13:12). It is also a common address in Greek literature, and never has the intent of disrespect or hostility. As for the second part of the response, it reads literally: "What to me and to you?" This phrase in the original Greek says that the speaker is being unjustly bothered or is being asked to get involved in a matter that is not their business. It can be impolite, but not always. The intent must be determined by the context. Considering He did as she wished He clearly did have respect for her.

As for the phrase, "My hour has not yet come," theologians speculate a lot about this. It could mean he was not ready to start performing miracles, but out of respect and obedience to His mother did anyway. Or that they were not entirely out of wine, and He was waiting until they were. (Verse 3 could also be validly translated, "when the wine was running out," or something of the sort.) It could have been that he was not yet ready to make His ministry public, and He was cautioning her to keep quiet about it until later. The fact that nobody seemed to be able to figure out where the wine came from suggests this last might be the right explanation.

Week 45 -- John 6 - Acts 8

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] John 12:27 How was Jesus feeling? Troubled

[B] John 12:28 What does Jesus ask for? That God's name be glorified

[C] In John 12:27-28 Jesus is tempted to pray for deliverance, but instead prays for something else. So? What? What can this teach us about our own prayers?

Think & Pray _____

Instead of praying, "Father, save Me from this hour," Jesus prays, "Father, glorify Your name." I think if we will decrease our prayers about ourselves, our troubles, our concerns, our relationships, and our comfort, and increase our prayers about His glory, His victory, His purposes, His people and His desires, we will see a huge increase in our prayer power. 1st John 5:14 "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."



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For further thought:

(w) In John 15:1-16 it mentions "fruit" 8 times. What does "fruit" mean in this context?

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 46 -- Acts 9 - Romans 3

Sunday -- Acts 9-Acts 11

- (9) Paul meets Jesus in Acts 9:1-19 How, when and where did you meet the Lord Jesus Christ?
- (10) In Acts 10:3-4 Cornelius sees a vision? Have you ever seen a vision or know someone who has?
- (11) Compare Acts 11:1-18 with Galatians 2:11-15? What do we learn?

Monday -- Acts 12-Acts 14

- (12) In Acts 12:5 who is praying for what, if anything, and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (13) According to Acts 13:52, how long does joy remain? Why?
- (14) In Acts 14 how many times did the crowds change their mind? Would you have done better? Why?

Tuesday -- Acts 15-Acts 18

- (15) Notice the conference in Acts 15:1-29. "How does it apply to us today?" is our Sunday question.
- (16) If repentance is essential to salvation why isn't it mentioned in Acts 16:22-34?
- (17) How were the Bereans different than the Thessalonians? (Acts 17:11) Which are you more like?
- (18) Acts 18:5-6 How long must we witness to someone before we give up on them?

Wednesday -- Acts 19-Acts 21

- (19) Acts 19:1-7 Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?
- (20) In Acts 20:9-12 is this a miraculous resurrection or just an accidental resuscitation? Why?
- (21) What does Acts 21:11 teach us about speaking for God? (See also Acts 1:8, 2:4, 4:8, & 4:31)

Thursday -- Acts 22-Acts 24

- (22) Acts 22:17: Does God still speak to people in a trance? Has He ever spoken to you that way?
- (23) Acts 23:11: Was this in a dream or what? Do you think God speaks to us in our dreams? Why?
- (24) Briefly describe Paul's defense before Felix in Acts 24:10-21. How does it apply to us today?

Friday -- Acts 25-Acts 28

- (25) In Acts chapters 23-26 – Were you more like Festus, Felix or Agrippa before you were saved?
- (26) Briefly describe Paul's defense before Festus and Agrippa in Acts 26:1-29. How does it apply to us?
- (27) In Acts 27:35 who is praying for what, if anything, and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (28) In Acts 28:1-6 could the snake be symbolic of Satan, and the fire symbolic of Hell?

Saturday -- Romans 1-Romans 3

- (1) Romans 1:8-10 When did you last tell someone how much you prayed for them and missed them?
- (2) Paul asks a question in Romans 2:27. What is the answer to the question? How do you know?
- (3a) Romans 3:21-30 Is this a promise to us? Why or why not?
- (3b) Compare Romans 3:24-31 with James 2:17-26. What is the same? What is different?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

[A] John 12:27 How was Jesus feeling? Troubled

[B] John 12:28 What does Jesus ask for? That God's name be glorified

[C] Instead of praying, "Father, save Me from this hour," Jesus prays, "Father, glorify Your name." I think if we will decrease our prayers about ourselves, our troubles, our concerns, our relationships, and our comfort, and increase our prayers about His glory, His victory, His purposes, His people and His desires, we will see a huge increase in our prayer power. 1st John 5:14 "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."