

**Notes & Group Questions for April 10 - April 16 readings (Questions (Q:) for groups are bolded below)**

**DEUTERONOMY 34:1 - JOSHUA 14:15**

4/10 - Today we come to the end of Moses' life in our readings! And - we come to the end of Moses' writings of the first five books of the Old Testament - the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. I will miss reading Moses' writings - but - we only have to wait until January 1 next year when we will all embark on the One Year Bible adventure and Moses' writings once again, right?? :) **Q: How has reading the book of Deuteronomy been for you this year? What have you learned? How has your journey through the first 5 books of the Bible, the Pentateuch or the Books of Law, been for you this year? Have you ever read all 5 of these books in a row before? Are there any new insights you have learned from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy this year?**

4/10 - Today we begin the book of Joshua!

~Joshua~

Author: Probably Joshua

Date: Either fourteenth century or twelfth century B.C.

Content: After the death of Moses, the leadership of the nation passed into the hands of Joshua and he was their commander-in-chief throughout the entire time of conquest when Israel was taking over the land. While still in the plains of Moab, Joshua mobilized his forces and prepared them for battle. There were three campaigns fought, one in the north, one in the central region, and one in the south, and all described, though not fully. After the initial victories, the land was divided among the various tribes of Israel. Joshua then exhorted the people and died in peace.

Theme: The book of Joshua shows that God is true to his promise. He had promised his people a land and they were now entering in to possess it. However, it was not automatic; God required of them that they actively engage in warfare in order to gain what he had given them. God's judgment upon the sin of the Canaanites in the form of Israel's armies is also a prominent feature. (Above commentary is from "The One Year Bible Companion" pp. 3-4) More commentary on Joshua is [at this link](#).

4/10 - Today in Joshua chapter 1 verse 9 we read one of my favorite verses in the Bible – *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."* Incredible verse! God spoke these words to Joshua just before he was about to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. And I do believe these words can apply to us today in our lives as well. **Q: Do you believe it is possible that God has commanded you to be strong and courageous? In what areas of your life might you need to really hear this command from God? Do you believe that God will be with you wherever you go?**

4/10 - In verse 8 – just one verse prior to the verse above – we read – *"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."* **Q: How does this verse speak to you today? Is it possible that you should not let the Bible depart from your mouth? Do you meditate on the Bible day and night, so that you are careful to do what is written in it? Do you believe meditating and following the truth of God as described in the Bible will allow you to be prosperous and successful?**

4/11 - Today is a major day in our readings as the Israelites cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land! The significance of the events in today's readings cannot be overstated. The Israelites 40 years in the Wilderness are over. God's Promise made to Abraham is being fulfilled! I am intrigued by verse 5 in Joshua chapter 3 today as the Israelites are about to cross the Jordan - *"Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you.""* I'm wondering what the Israelites did to purify themselves? Some sort of ritual purification I'd guess - likely similar to the purification before meeting God at Mount Sinai, which included washing all their garments as well as themselves. **Q: I also wonder what we do in our lives today to purify ourselves?** The first thought comes to mind that we are of course purified today completely by the blood of Christ. But, then, I also know that once we have made the decision to follow Christ we will still sin on occasion. **And then, is purification needed? Not from a salvation standpoint - but from simply having a pure heart before God?** I'm thinking that our purification today is confessing

directly to God our sins and repenting. And I think through this process God's grace arrives in a nanosecond and purifies us. I think we're purified by God's grace today. But, I think in part we need to recognize our own need for purification and confess to God our shortcomings and repent. Let me know what you think on this in the Comments below if you'd like. Again, I'm not looking at this from a salvation / justification perspective - more of the sanctification perspective. I like the thought of purification - of being pure before God. I pray for this for each of us. No dark corners. No secrets. Just a pure heart before our heavenly Father. Q: How did reading about the Israelites crossing the Jordan river stand out to you? Were you relieved for them that the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness was over? Have you ever crossed any symbolic "Jordan Rivers" in your life – from the wilderness to the Promised Land?

4/12 - Fascinating! verses today in Joshua chapter 5 verses 13 - 15 - *"As Joshua approached the city of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man facing him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you friend or foe?" "Neither one," he replied. "I am commander of the LORD's army." At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do?" The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for this is holy ground." And Joshua did as he was told."* Tyndale's One Year Bible Companion says this about these verses - "The captain of the host was no mere angel. His presence was an appearance of Christ in person. Joshua worshipped the captain; his worship was accepted and he was neither rebuked nor instructed otherwise." **Q: Whaddya think? Was this Jesus in these verses?? Do you think Jesus made appearances in the Old Testament days?**

4/12- In Joshua chapter 6 we read about the fall of Jericho to the Israelites - but... things take a turn for the worse in chapter 7 with the defeat at the city of Ai. It is interesting to note why the defeat happened in Ai, in verse 1 - *"But Israel was unfaithful concerning the things set apart for the LORD."* Think about it. Israel just had a great victory at Jericho and then they were unfaithful toward God. **Q: I wonder if perhaps we are like this in our lives today as well? Maybe something amazing happens in our life, and we get so swept up in the victory dance that we forget about God. And yet... it is God who gave us that victory. It is God who gives us every good thing we have in our lives. Are we being unfaithful in our lives concerning things set apart for God?**

4/13 - In Joshua chapter 7 today we continue to read about Achan's sin, which caused 36 Israelites to die in the first attack on the city of Ai. I realize that the destruction of Achan and his family may be tough for us to read, but I think it's important to remember Achan's sin caused other Israelites to die. I found Joshua's words interesting in verse 19 as he spoke to Achan: *"My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, by telling the truth."* He has a fatherly tone here - and I like the thought of giving glory to God by telling the truth. **Q: How have you learned the value of telling the truth in your life? Is there glory in telling the truth?**

4/13 - In chapter 8 verse 1 we read this today - *"Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid or discouraged."* This repeats what we heard God say to Joshua in chapter 1 verse 9 - *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."* This makes sense that in the midst of the conquest of the Promised Land that this would need to be repeated often. I'm wondering if we need to hear this in our lives today as well from God often - do not be afraid or discouraged. It is so true. With God in our lives we do not need to be afraid or discouraged! I need to be reminded of this often... **Q: How have you ever overcome discouragement in your life? How has God encouraged you in times of need?**

4/14 - As we read about the Gibeonites deception today, Joshua chapter 9 verses 14 & 15 teach a valuable lesson for each of us: *"So the Israelite leaders examined their bread, but they did not consult the LORD. Then Joshua went ahead and signed a peace treaty with them, and the leaders of Israel ratified their agreement with a binding oath."* They did not consult the Lord - and thus signed a binding oath based on a deception. I know that I don't do this enough. I do know that more and more I have found myself praying "thy will - not mine - be done" when major decisions are before me. I am seeking God's will and guidance in my life. But, I'm not sure that I'm really consulting God all that often. And I'm afraid when I don't I can rush into quick & bad decisions... I pray each of us will consult God with all of our plans & decisions in our lives - be they major or minor. **Q: How about you in your life today? How often do you consult God on major decisions in your life? Even minor decisions?**

4/14- Today in Joshua chapter 10 we read about the day the sun stood still! Have you ever received the email about this chapter titled "NASA and the Bible?" - basically the email goes into how a man from NASA proved that the sun stood still. I have received this email a bunch of times over the past 5 years or so. This email does appear to be an Urban Legend, but it's a fun email. I have read many commentaries on this chapter and do believe that a miracle took place, as we read

in verse 13 - *"So the sun and moon stood still until the Israelites had defeated their enemies. Is this event not recorded in The Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the middle of the sky, and it did not set as on a normal day."* **Q: Do you believe this miracle took place? Do you believe in miracles?**

**4/15** - An interesting note on Joshua 11 verse 21 - *"During this period, Joshua destroyed all the descendants of Anak, who lived in the hill country of Hebron, Debir, Anab, and the entire hill country of Judah and Israel."* The descendants of Anak were the giants the Israelite spies feared some 40 years earlier in Numbers chapter 13 verses 32 & 33 - and you'll recall these verses kept the Israelites wandering in the desert for the next 40 years... *"The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."* Interesting to see how the fear of 40 years prior had turned into the faith and confidence here in Joshua. **Q: I wonder how this type of change can happen in our lives too? A change from fear to faith and confidence? Is there an area in your life where you might need this type of change?**

#### **LUKE 13:22 - 18:17**

4/11 - Wow. Jesus' teachings in Luke chapter 14 verses 12 through 14 are so powerful - *"When you put on a luncheon or a dinner," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will repay you by inviting you back. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the godly, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."* **How often do we do something for others - in hopes of getting something back in return? Maybe it's simply praise? Or maybe it's indeed an invite to something else in the future?** Kind of the whole idea of "I'll scratch your back if you'll scratch mine." Jesus tells us there is another way - care for others that cannot repay you. Because God will repay you. And who would you rather receive repayment from for your good deeds - humans or God? **Q: Do you think that caring for the poor is giving to God? How do you give to God?**

4/11 - Today in Luke chapter 14 verse 27 we read - *"And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."* I don't know about you, but I'm not so good at carrying "crosses." I'm not so good at taking on perceived burdens. I'm not so good at suffering at all. I like to get my way. I often feel entitled to get a lot of good stuff in my life. . . And yet. . . Jesus says if I am to be his disciple I must carry my cross. And I must follow him. I think sometimes in our culture we want to keep up with our neighbors - be hip; be cool; be relevant; know the latest styles; wear the latest fashions; and this list can go on. Jesus tells us to carry our cross. And truly, this is the eternally hippest / coolest / most relevant decision any one of us can make - to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Nothing else matters. **Q: How about you? Are you a disciple of Jesus carrying your cross? Do you know what your cross is? Do you want to know? Are you following Him? Are you letting worldly and pop-cultural cares fall to wayside of your life as you walk along the true path of following Jesus?**

4/12- Beautiful verses today in Luke chapter 15 verses 8 through 10 - *"Or suppose a woman has ten valuable silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and look in every corner of the house and sweep every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her because she has found her lost coin. In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."* **Q: Do you believe that there was joy in the presence of God's angels when you repented? Or... when you will repent? That is a beautiful thought indeed!**

4/13 - The story of the shrewd manager in Luke chapter 16 today concludes with some powerful teachings from Jesus. Verses 8 & 9 stand out to me today - *"And it is true that the citizens of this world are more shrewd than the godly are. I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven."* I like that teaching - we should use our worldly resources to benefit others. So, I've been thinking about this a bit more lately. And I wondered what it would be like if I went through my days consciously trying to make other people happy. I don't think I've really ever done this over a sustained period. Maybe I've glimpses of using my resources to benefit others. To make them happy. I want to do more of this... **Q: How about you? Are you consciously using your resources (time, treasure & talents) to make others happy in your life each day? How?**

4/13 - Verse 10 is also a strong teaching from Jesus today - *"Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."* I think there was a very popular book out there a while back called "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff." Well, it looks to me in this verse that God sweats the small stuff. And you and I should sweat the small stuff. We need to be faithful in small matters in our daily

lives or else indeed we will not be faithful in large matters. **Q: Will you join me in sweating the small stuff when it comes to matters of our integrity before God? How have you learned to be faithful in small matters?**

4/14 - Today in Luke chapter 16 we read about the rich man and Lazarus. I have always found verse 31 to be such a great reflection on what it means to have having a soft heart and a strong faith - *"But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even if someone rises from the dead.'"* Basically, Abraham is saying that people whose hearts are hardened to faith will not even believe it if a dead man returns to them and tells them to repent. They still won't repent even with this miracle. And I believe this is true. Let us pray that our hearts are soft and open to faith and that we can share the Good News of Jesus with others in our life whose hearts may be becoming more and more hardened with each passing day... **Q: Do you think it's possible to share the Gospel to people with hardened hearts? Have you ever seen someone with a hardened heart repent and come to faith in Jesus?**

4/14- Wow. I love Luke 17 verse 10 - *"In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are not worthy of praise. We are servants who have simply done our duty.'"* **Q: I wonder if sometimes we do good works for Jesus expecting some praise or return on our works?** This is obviously not a good motive. We should simply be obedient to Jesus and not expect praise for our obedience - from Jesus or from others. It is simply a blessing for us to be called to Jesus' service. That is more than enough.

4/15 - Wow. I love Jesus' teaching in Luke chapter 17 verses 20 & 21 - *"Jesus replied, 'The Kingdom of God isn't ushered in with visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is among you.'"* And truly, of course, literally the Kingdom of God was amongst those Jesus was speaking to with this verse - Jesus himself was there. But, also the Kingdom of God is still amongst us today. Jesus has risen from the dead. He lives in the hearts of men and women. We do not need to look for visible signs to which we can say - here it is! Truly, the Kingdom of God can be within you. And once the Kingdom of God is within you it is amazing to see how Jesus can transform your life and those around you through his peace, grace and power. **Q: How is the Kingdom of God among you? How are you sharing the Kingdom of God with others?**

4/16 - The story of the persistent widow is fantastic! I love it... Verse 4 may be one of the most humorous verses in the Bible - *"The judge ignored her for a while, but eventually she wore him out. 'I fear neither God nor man,' he said to himself, 'but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'"* Great stuff! Jesus teaches that persistence pays off, which I think is very good to consider with our own faith journeys. Verse 1 is the moral of the story: *"One day Jesus told his disciples a story to illustrate their need for constant prayer and to show them that they must never give up."* **Q: Do you pray constantly? Do you know that you must never give up?**

#### **PSALM 79:1 - 85:13**

4/10 - Psalm 79 verse 13 stood out to me today - *"Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will thank you forever and ever, praising your greatness from generation to generation."* I like that imagery of being sheep in God's pasture. And Jesus, of course, is our Good Shepherd. **Q: Are you content with the idea of being a sheep in God's pasture?**

4/11 - Psalm 80 verse 19 today is powerful - *"Turn us again to yourself, O LORD God Almighty. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved."* I like that opening - "turn us again to you God." I don't believe that God turns himself away from us - but that we do indeed turn ourselves away from God. And like the Psalmist, maybe sometimes we literally need to pray that God will turn us back toward him. I kind of come up with the imagery of us maybe sometimes being like pouty kids with our arms folded and our backs toward God - and God is looking at us lovingly - all we simply need to do is turn our face toward God and his grace will heal that pout and whatever is troubling us immediately... **Q: Have you ever turned your back on God? How did you turn yourself again toward God? If you need to, will you turn yourself again toward God today?**

4/12 - I always like reading verses like 1 & 2 in Psalm 81 today - verses that speak of music & God - *"Sing praises to God, our strength. Sing to the God of Israel. Sing! Beat the tambourine. Play the sweet lyre and the harp."* Do you sing praises to God? Is God your strength? I'll go off on a tangent here, which is always a risky thing to do... :) I'll admit that I am a music junkie. Really. I have loved music immensely ever since I was a pre-teen and heard K-TEL's Hit Explosion with such songs as Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger." :) Well, ever since then music has played an interesting role in my life - both positive and negative. Bottom line is that I think God used music to bring me to Him. Seven years ago I ended up at a rock & roll postmodern evangelical church where I really first heard songs about Jesus in a rock song! It was a paradigm

shifter for me... I ended up accepting Jesus as my Lord & Savior at that church two months later - thanks in large part to an amazing pastor there at the time and thanks in large part to the rock & roll worship. I have to confess that I do love any opportunity I can get to flat out worship God in a rock & roll worship way! :) I do realize the risks of high energy rock music... it can propel people to do very dumb things. But I think it can also propel people toward Jesus. Maybe music is like anything else - it's a double edged sword. I will share with you that a buddy of mine shared with me how he threw out every single one of his worldly / secular rock & rap CD's after becoming a Christian. He said he didn't want to be fed by that garbage anymore. I tried following his lead on this - and actually threw a few CD's in the trash... but I pulled them out before taking them to the dumpster. :) I'm starting to think though that I have a few CD's that need to get to that dumpster here sooner rather than later... I don't listen to them. **Q: But why keep them around at all? Hope you don't mind this long tangent. Does anyone else have any music / God experiences that you would be up for sharing with us all?**

4/13 - I love Psalm 82 verses 3 & 4 - *"Give fair judgment to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people."* I realize these verses were spoken to Israel's judges. But, I think they can speak to you and I today as well. Particularly, "rescue the poor and helpless" stands out to me today. What are some ways you are rescuing the poor and helpless in your life today? How are you delivering them from the grasp of evil people? This actually reminds me of a couple of friends of mine who are so passionate about rescuing young girls from the sex slave industry in some Asian countries - I think Thailand is where they do most of their work. Clearly, young girls that have to sell their bodies in this type of situation are under the grasp of evil people. And I am so humbled by my friends' work toward delivering girls from this grasp. My friends are only able to do this really well because of their relationship with Jesus. Jesus is the true rescuer - first of my friends and now through my friends to these young girls. But, wow, it makes me wonder if I am truly allowing Jesus to rescue the poor and helpless through me? **Q: How about you? How are you allowing Jesus to rescue the poor through you?**

4/14 – **Q: Ever feel like the Psalmist in Psalm 83 verse 1? - "O God, don't sit idly by, silent and inactive!"** I think the beauty of the Psalms is seeing some of our human emotions expressed so well. Considering this verse - I don't think that God is ever sitting idly by, silent or inactive. I believe God is a Living God who is always with us. But, perhaps sometimes God's perceived silence in our lives is for a purpose that we may not fully understand now, but will later. If God seems very "silent" to you now, I would encourage you to pray to God - and really listen in your prayers - don't just speak. I believe you'll soon hear Him...

4/15 - Today in Psalm 84:5 we read: *"Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage."* Where does your strength come from? God? Or your own will-power? Why might it be a good idea to rely on God for your strength rather than yourself? Have you set your heart on a pilgrimage? Is the pilgrimage toward God? Do you think this will be a life-long pilgrimage? Later in this Psalm, verse 10, we read: *"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."* This is a song many of us have probably sung before at church. **Q: What does this verse mean to you? What does one day in God's courts look like for you? Why would one day in God's courts be better than one thousand days elsewhere? Do you look forward to spending an eternity in God's courts? Is your heart on a pilgrimage to God's courts?**

4/16 - Psalm 85 is awesome today! So many great verses.... I love verse 8 - *"I listen carefully to what God the LORD is saying, for he speaks peace to his people, his faithful ones. But let them not return to their foolish ways."* I like that thought - God speaks peace to his people. **Are we listening carefully to what God is saying? Are we receiving his peace into our hearts? And so importantly - are we not returning to our foolish ways?** Verse 6 reminds me of the Jeremy Camp tune "Revive Me", which is an amazing tune - *"Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you?"* **Q: Do you need God to revive you? Will you pray for revival?**

#### **PROVERBS 12:26 - 13:8**

4/10 - Proverbs chapter 12 verse 26 today teaches us: *"The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray."* **Q: This is a great opportunity for us to reflect upon what type of advice or counsel we give to our friends. Is it wise? Or are we perhaps subtly leading our friends astray in any way?**

4/11 - Today in Proverbs chapter 12 verse 28 we read - *"In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality."* **Q: What is the way of righteousness? How does one find the way of righteousness? How does one share with others the way of righteousness? Do you believe there is immortality along the way of righteousness?**

4/12 - Proverbs chapter 13 verse 1 may at first glance seem to be speaking about young children - but... I believe it can

definitely speak to how we also should respond to God, our heavenly Father - *"A wise child accepts a parent's discipline; a young mocker refuses to listen."* **Q: How are you a wise child of God accepting His discipline in your life?**

4/13 - There is probably absolutely nothing I could or should add to Proverbs chapter 13 verse 3 :) - *"Those who control their tongue will have a long life."* **Q: Do you agree with this Proverb? How are you able to control your tongue? Or sometimes does your tongue control you? Any advice on how someone can control their tongue? Prayer, Grace, and the Holy Spirit are 3 antidotes that come to mind for me! :)**

4/14 - Proverbs chapter 13 verse 4 is brilliant - *"Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied."* Hard work pays off. It really does. I do thank God for the blessing of work in my life. I pray you do to. And I do thank him for occasional vacation days too! :) But - overall - I honestly cannot imagine a life of just "vacation." It would be a bit of a hell for me personally.... I do love and appreciate the opportunity to work! **Q: Do you agree with today's Proverb that hard work brings prosperity and satisfaction? How has work brought you satisfaction?**

4/15 - Proverbs chapter 13 verse 5 - *"Those who are godly hate lies; the wicked come to shame and disgrace."* **Q: Based on this Proverb above, is it ever okay to lie? I've spoken with friends who have said they believe it is okay to lie to preserve an innocent life. And I guess if you think about maybe someone who saved lives in the Holocaust by lying, then this would seem to be an okay instance to lie? I mean, you are lying to save an innocent life. Is that okay?** I realize the trick becomes where do you draw the lines on when it is okay to lie. We could rationalize almost anything saying it was okay to lie because of x, y, z greater good. This Proverb says those who are godly hate lies. I am sure we all do hate lying. **But is it ever okay to lie? To save an innocent life - is it okay?** One more thing I just thought of - Jesus never lied. I'm guessing this is a pretty strong hint to the answer to my questions above... but, as sinners, could we perhaps lie to save an innocent life and then confess it to God right away?? :) This is some tricky theology ground I'm treading - and probably not very well... I'm sure there are books written on this subject right?? Yeah, I know, the book by Moses about the Ten Commandments.... :)

4/16 - Proverbs 13 verse 7 makes me wonder how we might be "pretending" in our lives today - *"Some who are poor pretend to be rich; others who are rich pretend to be poor."* I wonder if really in some way all of us are pretending to be something we are not? I don't know if this will make sense - but I do know that sometimes I feel like an actor. A faker. A poser. And I know that the true path to being genuine and real is through a relationship with Jesus. True Sincerity comes from Christ alone. If we are confident in our faith in Jesus, we have absolutely no need to "pretend" or act like we are someone or something else. Christ is sufficient. **Q: Are there any areas of your life where you are acting or pretending? Will you turn those pretensions over to Jesus and be confident in Jesus alone? Why do you think we pretend to be rich when we're not? Or pretend to be poor when we're not? Why do we pretend at all?**

#### **Group discussions:**

- Introductions.
- What were some of your favorite verses or passages from the past week's readings?
- What are some questions that were generated for you based on the past week's readings?
- What is something new you learned about God or the Bible from the past week's readings?
- How did God speak to you through the past week's readings?
- What is something you want to change or grow in your life based on the past week's readings?
- **Discuss the bold Questions in the Study Notes**
- Any prayer requests for the group for the coming week?

**Each group is encouraged to close in prayer.**

**Daily questions for this next week's readings you may want to journal or pray through and discuss with your group next Sunday:**

- My favorite verses or passages:
- What I learned from the readings:
- My questions for further study:
- How God spoke to me through the Word:
- Something I want to change or grow in my life based on the Word:
- My prayer points based on the Word:

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