

Notes & Group Questions for April 24 - April 30 readings (Questions (Q:) for groups are bolded below)

JOSHUA 2:10 - 12:15

4/24 - Today in Judges we read about Israel forgetting about God and worshipping other gods. Sad stuff! Judges chapter 2 verse 19 stood out: *"But when the judge died, the people returned to their corrupt ways, behaving worse than those who had lived before them. They followed other gods, worshipping and bowing down to them. And they refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways."* **Q: I wonder if we are so different today from the Israelites in the time of the Judges? Do we maybe shape ourselves up for short amounts of time - but then go back to our corrupt ways? Do we ultimately refuse to give up our evil practices and stubborn ways? Why is this? What is the remedy to this problem? Or - perhaps I should ask - Who is the remedy to this problem? Who can literally rescue us from this problem? Who can rescue us from ourselves? Will you allow Jesus to rescue you from any evil practices and stubborn ways?**

4/25 - Okay, women rule in today's readings in Judges!! :) Deborah basically tells Barak that he's being a wimp, so she'll help lead the military victory, and does. And then Jael, who is likely not an Israelite, finishes off Sisera, the commander of the enemy army of the Israelites, with a tent peg! Don't mess with Deborah or Jael! In Judges chapter 5 we read the wonderful song of Deborah and Barak, and it is of note in verse 31: *"Then there was peace in the land for forty years."* Quite a song! Bob Deffinbaugh with Bible.org's commentary on Joshua chapters 4 & 5 today titled **"The Prophetess Deborah"** is [at this link](#). **Q: How do you see women leading in churches today? Do you think there should or shouldn't be distinctions between roles women and men have in churches?**

4/26 - Today in Judges chapter 6 verses 1 we read - *"Again the Israelites did what was evil in the LORD's sight."* It is so interesting to see the back-and-forth relationship of the Israelites with God in the Old Testament. The Israelites did evil. They cried out to God. God saved them. Then... The Israelites did evil again... **Q: And I wonder - are we so different from the Israelites today? Should we be? Could we be? How?** I do believe that through a growing and loving relationship with Jesus, we can be spared of this back-and-forth relationship with God. I believe this is the only Way. Let us not have to spend our lives running back and forth to "caves" as we will see below... Let us only run into the arms of the Jesus!

4/26 - Today read about Gideon and the fleece. We also read about how the angel of the Lord comes to Gideon and tells Gideon he will save Israel out of Midian's hands, because he is being sent by God. In verse 15 Gideon replies, *"But Lord, how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."* You'll notice how this reply of Gideon's is reminiscent of Moses' reaction to God's call to serve in Exodus chapters 3 & 4 – "Why me? How can I?" etc. etc. And I think it is very useful for each of us to note that God often calls the seemingly lowly – like Moses and Gideon – rather than the seemingly mighty to act for him. This should be encouraging to us! **Q: I wonder if you and I are sometimes like Gideon and Moses? I wonder if perhaps we are being called to do something incredible for God in our lives, and we are making excuses like Gideon and Moses made excuses? Should we instead act in obedience to God's call and trust that he will lead us? If God has called us to something, shouldn't we have enough faith to believe he will give us the strength and wisdom needed for the journey? What is God calling you to do in your life that you are not doing? Are you making excuses like Gideon and Moses did? Will you instead move forward in faith and obedience to God in this holy calling in your life?**

4/27 - Okay, the big question from today's readings in Judges is **are you the type of person that cups water in your hands and laps it up like a dog or are you someone who kneels down and puts your mouth directly in the stream to drink??** :) I confess I'm option #1, so I guess I would have gone on with Gideon for the battle. In all seriousness, a commentary suggested that God chose those that cupped water in their hands rather than kneeled down, because it meant those who didn't kneel down were always ready for any emergency situation that might come up. I guess I can buy that...

4/28 - Judges chapter 8 verses 23 & 24 are an intriguing look at beautiful humility mixed with a unique request - *"But Gideon replied, "I will not rule over you, nor will my son. The LORD will rule over you! However, I have one request. Each*

of you can give me an earring out of the treasures you collected from your fallen enemies." It is awesome that Gideon says he will not rule over the Israelites- but that God will. But then, his ask for a piece of gold from each person is intriguing. We read in verse 27 that Gideon made a sacred ephod from the collected gold - so, this does appear worshipful perhaps at first glance. But then verse 27 tells us: *"But soon all the Israelites prostituted themselves by worshiping it, and it became a trap for Gideon and his family."* Yikes! Not exactly what should have happened here... It's interesting. **Q: I wonder if we do this in our lives today as well. Perhaps we are very humble in one regards - but then maybe we make some sort of unique request of those around us... and that unique request goes awry. I don't know if I can give you a good example of this. But perhaps this will ring true for you in some area of your life? If so, can you abandon the false idol you are worshiping as quickly as possible? Particularly if this false idol was born out of something that was initially worshipful. Will you let it go?**

4/29 - Alright, I don't know about you, but I'm seeing quite a bit of pride flowing around in Judges recently - particularly in today's readings. And we all know the old saying, "Pride goeth before the fall." And indeed we are seeing people fall after their prideful fits. In fact, Satan himself was guilty of the sin of Pride. He wanted to be equal with God. He thought he was all that and a bag-o-chips. But he ain't. Never will be. So, maybe the saying in regards to Satan certainly is "Pride goeth before the Fall." And that's Fall with a capital "F" unfortunately. We saw Abimelech's deadly pride in yesterday's readings when he had killed 70 of Gideon's sons - his half brothers - so that he could rule the people of Schechem. Pride & Power. Deadly combination then - and still is today. We then read Jotham's parable in yesterday's readings and see that his words came true in today's readings. I am amazed at the depth of Abimelech's sin of pride even in his dying moment when we read in chapter 9 verses 52 through 54 today: *"Abimelech followed them to attack the tower. But as he prepared to set fire to the entrance, a woman on the roof threw down a millstone that landed on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull. He said to his young armor bearer, "Draw your sword and kill me! Don't let it be said that a woman killed Abimelech!"* Wow... Now - don't get me wrong. I think for me to say that Abimelech was completely prideful and that I am not is the same sin - pride. It would be prideful for me to put myself above Abimelech. He's not a lot different than we are today. I think pride is something we all probably struggle with at some level or at some point in our lives. I know I do. We are all sinners. And as I read about Abimelech in Judges today - or reflect upon Satan's Fall - I realize that pride is a sin that we really must vigilantly watch our entire lives. If we don't, I think we can get blinded to the fact that we're prideful - and we'll say dumb things like "don't let it be said that a woman killed (fill in your name as if you were to say this about yourself in the 3rd person, cuz that's how you refer to yourself when you are prideful)!" :) Pride kills... let us pray for humility in our lives today. God can redeem and heal us from our pride! **Q: Have you ever struggled with pride? Do you think pride might be an ongoing struggle for most of us (all of us?) for most of (all of?) our lives?**

4/30 - Today we read about Jephthah and his daughter - and the related vow. It is interesting to note that some Biblical scholars do not think that Jephthah actually killed his daughter, but that she simply died a virgin, as verse 38 says. However... verse 38 also says he kept his vow. Keep in mind that oftentimes the Bible reports "just the facts," which does not necessarily mean the "facts" or actions of what us humans did was pleasing in God's sight. Human sacrifice was not part of God's laws or plans. It is clearly forbidden in Leviticus chapter 20 verses 1-5 and in Leviticus chapter 18:21 - *"Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD."*

LUKE 22:14 - JOHN 1:28

4/24 - Today in Luke chapter 22 we read about the Last Supper! Every time I read verses 19 & 20 I am reminded of the amazing beauty of the Lord's Supper in our churches today: *"Then Jesus took a loaf of bread; and when he had thanked God for it, he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This wine is the token of God's new covenant to save you--an agreement sealed with the blood I will pour out for you."* **Q: Do these verses remind you of the Lord's Supper at your church? Do you find the Lord's Supper to be a beautiful experience at your church? Why do we participate in the Lord's Supper in our churches today?**

4/25 - I don't think I've really ever noticed this visit from an angel before in Luke chapter 22 verse 43 when Jesus is praying at the Mount of Olives! *"Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him."* **Q: Why do you think Jesus needed strengthening? What can we learn from Jesus' need of strengthening?**

4/26 - Luke chapter 22 verse 70 is powerful - *"They all shouted, "Then you claim you are the Son of God?" And Jesus replied, "You are right in saying that I am."* Check out those last two words of Jesus' - I am. Sound familiar? Remember from Exodus 3:14 when Moses asks the burning bush who he should say sent him to free the Israelites from Egypt. And what did God reply? "I am. Tell them that I am is sending you." In Luke chapter 23 verses 8 & 9 today we read: *"Herod*

was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus, because he had heard about him and had been hoping for a long time to see him perform a miracle. He asked Jesus question after question, but Jesus refused to answer." Herod wanted a miracle "performed." And Jesus simply stayed silent. Beautiful... **I wonder if there are moments in our life when we would do well to model Jesus here? - to stay silent in the face of a ridiculous request - or in the face of a ridiculous attack on our faith. Silence may be the perfect thing in the face of ridiculousness... Have you ever stayed silent in the face of an attack? When should we stay silent?**

4/27 - Today in Luke chapter 23 verse 34 we read this when Jesus was on the cross: "*Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing."*" Tyndale's One Year Bible companion has a great commentary on this verse today, as follows - "There are **seven sayings of Jesus** uttered from the cross. They were spoken in the following order:

- 1) the word of **forgiveness**: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:24)
- 2) the word of **salvation**: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)
- 3) the word of **affection**: "Woman, behold thy son"; "Behold thy mother." (John 19:26-27)
- 4) the word of **despair**: "My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34)
- 5) the word of **physical torment**: "I thirst" (John 19:28)
- 6) the word of **triumph**: "It is finished" (John 19:30)
- 7) the word of **committal**: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Q: What do these 7 sayings of Jesus on the Cross mean to you? What does the Cross personally mean to you?

4/28 - In Luke chapter 23 verse 45 we read just before Jesus died on the cross: "*The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the thick veil hanging in the Temple was torn apart.*" The tearing of the veil in the Temple symbolized that men and women could now access God the Father directly through Jesus the Son. No longer was the veil needed to keep separate the Holiest of Holy place in the temple, where God dwelled in the Old Testament. No longer could only the High Priest approach God in the Temple on behalf of men and women. Jesus' death and coming resurrection signified that the veil was no longer needed. God is accessible now directly through faith in Jesus! **Q: How do you approach God through Jesus? And how often?**

4/29 - We finish up the Gospel of Luke today! It's been awesome to read through Luke again this year. I hope it has been for you as well. And tomorrow... the Gospel of John!!! Yep, I'm excited. John is just one of those books in the Bible that speaks to me on a spiritual level - at a level I fully can't even consciously comprehend - every time I read it. By the way, I do think this happens actually with any and all books of the Bible that we read. I believe our spirit is fed in ways we do not even consciously realize when we read any and all portions of God's Word. But, somehow, when I read John, I know it's happening! Luke's wrap-up is fantastic today... The Road to Emmaus! This is a phenomenal portion of the Bible. I actually heard a sermon on this passage of the Bible not too long ago - just after Easter. And the pastor said that each of us as Christians are journeying along the Road to Emmaus. And Jesus is coming up to walk beside us. He is with us. And all too often we do not realize that Jesus is with us! Our eyes are not opened. The pastor encouraged us to open our eyes - through prayer, reading God's Word, and reflection on God's Word - and realize that Jesus is journeying on the road to Emmaus with us. Let us not miss him. **Q: Do you believe that Jesus is journeying along side you in your Walk today? Yes, at this very moment, is Jesus with you?**

4/29 - I love Jesus' first words to all of the disciples in verse 36 - "*Peace be with you.*" Wow... how simple - and profound - and true! Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He brings peace into our lives, minds and hearts if we will let him in. Do you believe that Jesus' words to you at this very moment might be - "Peace be with you." **Q: Will you accept the heavenly peace that can only come from Jesus? Do you know the heavenly peace that comes from Jesus?**

4/30 - I am so excited that we are starting the Gospel of John today!! I won't necessarily say that it is my favorite Gospel - because all 4 are amazing. But, I will say that John is different from the other 3. If by chance you felt like reading Luke these past few weeks has gotten repetitive when compared to Matthew and Mark, hang in there! John is different. Beautifully different. John Chapter 15 is definitely one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. I cannot wait to read it again! I actually have a powerful personal story to share with you all about John Chapter 15. I'll do so either in a future email or on the blog when we get to this chapter. One thing I'll recommend to everyone, if you have a chance this next week, is to watch the movie "The Gospel of John". Have you seen it? It is incredibly well done. It was released in theaters on a limited basis a few years ago, and I was fortunate enough to have caught it in the theater. It is a 3 hour movie that goes word-for-word through the Gospel of John, based on the Good News Bible translation. Or, perhaps you'll want to read the Biblical text first and then watch the movie later. Either way. I definitely recommend this film. You can hopefully pick it up at a

video rental store. A friend of mine was surprised to have found it at the local supermarket little video rental section recently. The movie's website [is at this link](#).

The Gospel of John

Author: John

Place: Ephesus

Date: A.D. 85-96

Content: The Gospel of John was written many years after Jesus' death and resurrection by the apostle John so that those who read it might believe in Christ and thus have life through his name. John begins with a prologue unique to this Gospel where Jesus' preexistent life with the Father is depicted to show that Jesus was not simply a great man, but God. Miracles of Jesus as well as many of Jesus' teachings not found elsewhere are then described. A long section in John chapters 14 through 17 describes Jesus' teaching to his apostles before his death. After Jesus' death and resurrection, special place is given to Jesus' appearance to his apostles.

Theme: The Gospel of John more than any other Gospel stresses the deity of Christ and provides us with an interpretation of his life. He is explained in figurative terms as light, truth, love, good shepherd, the door, the resurrection and the life, living water, true bread, and more. The beautiful material found in John chapters 14 through 17 shows the deep love of Jesus for the believer and the peace that comes from faith in Christ. (Above commentary is from "The One Year Bible Companion" pp. 22-23) **Great commentary on John by Bob Deffinbaugh at bible.org is at this link:** http://bible.org/page.php?page_id=2348

4/30 - Today in John Chapter 1 verse 14 we read – *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* **Q: Do you believe that Jesus is the Word John is referring to? What does this mean to you that the Word became flesh? Do you believe that Jesus was born into this world both fully divine and fully human (yet sinless)? Why would God send Jesus, full of light, grace and truth into the world? Why was this necessary?**

4/30 - Today in John Chapter 1 verses 10 & 11 we read – *"He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him."* **Q: Do you believe that the world was made through Jesus? Do you believe the world is Jesus' own? Have you ever gone through periods in your life where you have not recognized Jesus for who he truly is? (I know that I have) Have you gone through periods of your life where Jesus has come to you and you did not receive him? (Again, I know that I have) As you read through the Gospel of John this year will you prayerfully read it? Will you ask God to reveal to you through John's Gospel who Jesus really is? And will you ask God to make Jesus more known to you this year than ever before? Do you believe this is possible – for you to know Jesus more this year than in your prior years? Do you believe the Gospel of John and prayer can help you to truly know Jesus more?**

PSALM 92:1 - 101:8

4/24 - Today in Psalm 92 verse 4 we read a joyful verse! *"For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands."* **Q: When was the last time you reflected upon God's deeds? When was the last time you reflected upon God's work of his hands? Do you think this might be a good daily habit? Do God's deeds make you glad? Do you sing for joy regularly for the work of God's hands?**

4/25 - Psalm 94 verse 14 is fantastic today - *"The LORD will not reject his people; he will not abandon his own special possession."* I love this thought - that God will not reject us. He will not abandon us. We are his own special possession. **Q: Do you believe that you are God's own special possession? How does this make you feel? Act?**

4/26 - Wow.. Psalm 96 today is amazing! I love verse 1: *"Sing a new song to the LORD! Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!"* And I love the imagery in verse 12: *"Let the fields and their crops burst forth with joy! Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise."* **Q: is there a new song God is asking you to sing to him these days? Will you sing this new song to God?**

4/27 - Psalm 97 verses 10 & 11 are so spiritually powerful & true: *"You who love the LORD, hate evil! He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked. Light shines on the godly, and joy on those who do right."* I do believe that God protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked. Honestly, I believe that God does this in our lives much more often than we even consciously realize. I am sure there are a few moments in our life when we fully realize we were being protected by God. But, I also have a strong belief that God protects us from unforeseen things that never entered our consciousness. Do bad things still happen to godly people?

Yes, of course they do. Why? I can't answer this - I've heard C.S. Lewis' book ["The Problem of Pain"](#) gets at this a bit. I need to read it. We are in a fallen world. There is evil and an enemy in this world. Bad things do happen. But, overall, I believe these verses above are so true. I do believe that light shines on the godly and joy on those who do right. **Q: Do you believe these verses above to be true? Have you experienced the truth of these verses in your life? How have you experienced protection, light and joy in the Lord?**

4/28 - Psalm 99 is a great psalm of praise! This Psalm mentions the word Lord 7 times. I like verse 6 - *"Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also called on his name. They cried to the LORD for help, and he answered them."* These were obviously some major characters in the Bible. I love Psalm 99 verse 3 - *"Let them praise your great and awesome name. Your name is holy!"* I think sometimes in our modern world we can forget that God's name is holy. Jesus' name is holy. These holy names change things. They change everything. If ever you are ever feeling like you are being confronted by evil - maybe even in your sleep in a dream - call upon Jesus' name and watch the evil flee from you immediately. It is true... Jesus' name is holy! God's name is holy! **Q: Do you believe God's very name is holy? How do you cry out to the LORD using His holy name? Do you believe if you cry out to the Lord for help, He will answer you too?**

4/29 - Today we read Psalm 100! I will copy this short Psalm below. Does this Psalm speak to you? Do you feel joy while reading this song? I have read much of ["The Life You've Always Wanted" by John Ortberg](#) (a great book!) and he has a great chapter on JOY being a spiritual discipline. It is amazing to realize that Joy is a gift from God we should be experiencing every day. **Q: How are you experiencing joy as a spiritual discipline? Think this Psalmist in Psalm 100 was?**

Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving thanks.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Q: When is the last time you shouted for joy to God? Do you regularly worship God with gladness? Do you come before our Heavenly Father with joyful songs? Do you know that you are God's? Is this fact alone worth being joyful about each and every day?

4/30 - Psalm 101 is a great Psalm of David today! Great verses, all of them. I like verse 3 - *"I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar."* This seems to be a bit tougher and tougher to adhere to in our modern world where pornography is getting more and more into the mainstream. But, it is such a beautiful and true Psalm of David for us to adhere to! **Q: Do you refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar? Do you avoid watching TV shows, reading magazines or papers, or going to see movies where you know you'll end up looking at things vile & vulgar?** Don't get me wrong - I'm not saying avoid watching all TV, reading all mags & papers or avoid all movies. I'm just saying that there are some of these forms of media that we know in advance that what they "sell" us will be vile and vulgar. Why would we "buy" that garbage? Refuse to look at it. Don't give it one inch of power over you! (or your kids!) A portion of verse 2 stood out to me today - *"I will lead a life of integrity in my own home."* This is powerful. **Q: How often do we have integrity outside of our home - but then not display integrity within our own home? Think this is healthy? How do you lead a life of integrity within your own home?**

PROVERBS 14:1 - 14:14

4/24 - Today in Proverbs chapter 14 verse 2 we read - *"He whose walk is upright fears the LORD."* What does it mean to you to fear the Lord? Is it possible that for us to have some fear of the Lord is healthy? Why would fear of the Lord be healthy? Don't get me wrong - I'm not suggesting we live our lives in abject fear of God all of the time. But - this Proverb is in the Bible - and it says that someone whose walk is upright fears the Lord. So, I do humbly suggest that there is a healthy fear of God that each of us should recognize. (along with a raging LOVE of God as well of course) **Q: Based on**

our Proverb today, do you fear God at all? Do you think that you should have any fear God? Why or why not?

4/25 - I once heard a pastor say a few words about Proverbs chapter 14 verse 4: "*An empty stable stays clean, but no income comes from an empty stable.*" Basically this pastor was talking about how things were a little bit hectic around the church - due to church growth and related growing pains. And he brought up this verse, with the point being that it is a blessing that the church is not "clean" - in the spic & span sense - because this means a lot of things are happening. There is "income". There are people getting to know God and Jesus. And yes, there are some messes. But it's better than a spic & span clean stable / church where nothing is happen. I like that analogy. I also once heard this same pastor refer to church as a "majestic mess." I like that too! :) Church is not a spic & span clean place all the time. There are messes. There are humans on staff with the church - and humans coming to the church. We are not spic & span clean people all the time. And that's okay. Church is indeed a majestic mess, in the best sense of the word! Speaking of empty clean stables - let us not forget that our Lord Himself came to this world in a full & messy stable! **Q: Do you think it is okay for church to be a bit "messy" at times? How much mess is too much? Are you okay if the various "stables" in your life are not empty and clean all of the time? Do you see how a full & messy "stable" can demonstrate that "income" is being generated? Why do you suppose that Jesus came to this world in a full & messy stable?**

4/27 - Proverbs chapter 14 verse 8 is great wisdom - "*The wise look ahead to see what is coming, but fools deceive themselves.*" Jesus taught that we should live our lives not worrying about tomorrow. However - this Proverb does show there is wisdom in looking ahead to see what is coming. Don't worry about it - but pay attention to it! For example, we shouldn't deceive ourselves into thinking that we can be reckless with our health today - we should know what this will do to us tomorrow. We should see what is coming. **Q: How do you think we should balance wisely looking ahead to see what is coming versus not worrying about tomorrow? Should we be looking toward the future on occasion? Or just try to stay focused on today?**

4/28 - Wow. Proverbs 14 verse 9 I don't think I've ever really noticed before - "*Fools make fun of guilt, but the godly acknowledge it and seek reconciliation.*" How true is this? Wow... Guilt is real. Valid. And yes perhaps we can overdo it... but it's real and it's purpose is to call us to reconciliation with God. Great Proverb here... Let us not carry guilt around, but let us give our guilt over to Jesus! **Q: How do you acknowledge guilt? When you are guilty do you seek reconciliation with God?**

4/29 - How's this for a sobering Proverb in verse 12 today - "*There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.*" Things that make you go hmmm.... **Q: think this Proverb is true? I do. I know it is. And I think it is a Proverb that should make each of us stop and think about the path we are on now. Is it the path God wants us to be on? Or is it perhaps a path that looks attractive to the world (remember the Fallen world info at the beginning of this post...)? We all have paths to choose in our life. Many times over we will have to choose which path to walk upon. Are you walking upon God's path for you toward light and life?**

4/30 - Proverbs chapter 14 verse 13 teaches us today: "*Laughter can conceal a heavy heart, but when the laughter ends, the grief remains.*" This is an interesting look at laughter! Some say laughter is the best medicine... and oftentimes I agree. But, this Proverb tells us that laughter may not always heal a heavy heart... **Q: Perhaps something more than laughter is needed when we have a heavy heart? Perhaps - God is needed? Have you ever been healed of a heavy heart? How?**

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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