

**Tuesday, January 6, 2009 (Joshua 1-5)**

1. The book of Joshua is history from a prophetic point of view. What would you expect to find in such a book?

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2. How does the Lord encourage Joshua in the difficult task of replacing a legend like Moses? (chapter 1)

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3. Chapter two reveals the Lord's rule over all for the benefit of his people. In what ways?

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4. Why did the Lord have the waters of the Jordan stand up in heap? (chapters 3 and 4)

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5. Why would the Lord instruct Joshua to circumcise the Israelites at this point? (chapter 5)

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**Wednesday, January 7, 2009 (Psalms 1,2)**

1. How could you use Psalm 1 to encourage daily reading and reflection on Scripture? (Psalm 1)

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2. What does Psalm 2 reveal about Jesus the Christ?

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**Thursday, January 8, 2009 (Job 3,4)**

1. How could Job go from the heights of 1:21 and 2:10 to chapter 3? (Lessons?)

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2. To what faulty conclusions will a person come who focuses on the suffering that he experiences? (chapter 3)

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3. Eliphaz' counsel fails on several fronts. Can you pick them out? (chapter 4)

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**Friday, January 9, 2009 (Isaiah 7-11)**

1. Demonstrate that the seemingly pious answer of Ahaz in 7:12 was anything but pious.

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2. Why does the Lord reveal that Assyria will put Israel to shame? (chapter 7)

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3. How is the Lord a “stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall”? (chapter 8)

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4. What horrible judgment does God speak on all who seek out mediums and spiritists? [How do you see the judgment playing out?] (chapter 8)

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5. How would the description of the Messiah in chapter 9 have been an encouragement to the faithful remnant in Israel?

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6. The second half of chapter 9 reveals the hardheartedness of the people of Israel. In what ways?

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7. Why was the Lord upset with the Assyrians, when he was the one who sent them as a judgment on Israel? (chapter 10)

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8. What great truths about the Messiah does the Lord reveal in chapter 11?

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**Saturday, January 10, 2009 (St. Matthew 3,4)**

1. Demonstrate that John the Baptizer understood his God-given role. (chapter 3)

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2. For whose benefit did the Spirit of God descend on Jesus like a dove and the voice sound from heaven? (chapter 3)

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3. What important “lessons” are we to learn from the account of Jesus’ temptation in the desert? (chapter 4)

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4. What strikes you about the beginning of Jesus’ ministry? (chapter 4)

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**Sunday, January 11, 2009 (Romans 3-4)**

1. What is the Apostle’s point in the first twenty verses of the chapter and why does he work so hard on it? (chapter 3)

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2. How does St. Paul emphasize that salvation is entirely by God’s grace in the second half of the chapter? (chapter 3)

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3. Why, and how, does the Apostle use the story of Abraham to make his point clear? (chapter 4)

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4. Evaluate: Salvation by faith and salvation by grace are nearly synonymous expressions. (chapter 4)

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5. The final verse of chapter 4 is worth committing to memory as a summary of the Christian faith. In what way does it capture the heart of Christianity?

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**Monday, January 12, 2009 (Genesis 4-7)**

1. The Apostle John wrote that "Cain belonged to the evil one." [1 John 3:12] How does chapter 4 demonstrate that?

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2. What important truths should we take from Genesis 5 beyond a listing of names?

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3. What answers does chapter 6 offer to this question: "Why did God send the flood?"

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4. How did the Lord demonstrate his power and his grace in the events of chapter 7?

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**Tuesday, January 13, 2009 (Joshua 6-10)**

1. What important lessons was the Lord teaching his people by the destruction of Jericho? (chapter 6)

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2. Some of the lessons that the people ought to have learned by the destruction of Jericho were not learned. Explain from what you read in chapter 7.

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3. Explain, on the basis of chapter 8: The Lord uses the weakness and sin of his enemies to destroy them.

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4. What connections do you see between the opening portion of chapter 8 and the closing portion?

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5. Chapter 9 is a good example of history from the perspective of a prophet. In what ways?

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6. How does Joshua show himself to be the leader that the people of Israel needed? (chapter 10)

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**Wednesday, January 14, 2009 (Psalms 3-5)**

1. How does Psalm 3 inform your prayers when you face persecution?

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2. How would you answer those who suggest, on the basis of the imprecations in some of the psalms (such as Psalm 3 and Psalm 5), that the God of the Old Testament is much harsher and more judgmental than the God of the New Testament?

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**Thursday, January 15, 2009 (Job 5,6)**

1. What misconceptions does Eliphaz have in chapter 5?

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2. What is at the heart of the anguish Job expresses in chapter 6? (consider both what he offers as the heart of the anguish and the real issue)

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**Friday, January 16, 2009 (Isaiah 12-17)**

1. What reasons does Isaiah 12 provide for us to praise the Lord?

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2. What important truths does the Lord reveal about himself in Isaiah 13?

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3. Why does the Lord speak judgment against Babylon, Assyria, and the Philistines? (chapter 14)

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4. Find God's justice and his mercy in his words of prophecy against Moab. (chapters 15 and 16)

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5. What good and loving purpose does the Lord offer for the destruction he sends? (chapter 17)

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**Saturday, January 17, 2009 (St. Matthew 5-7)**

1. In what ways must Jesus' words in the opening of the chapter struck the people as strange? (chapter 5)

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2. Explain: Jesus offers a **spiritual** explanation/application of the law in the second half of chapter 5.

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3. What connections do you see in the different topics addressed in chapter 6?

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4. What causes the worry Jesus addresses at the end of chapter 6?

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5. Why were the crowds amazed at Jesus' teaching? (consider the content of chapter 7 as well as the closing verses of the chapter)

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**Sunday, January 18, 2009 (Romans 5,6)**

1. Demonstrate, from Romans 5, the truth of this statement: God's grace abounds.

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2. Use the thoughts of the first section of Romans 6 to answer the person who says, "Salvation does not come through water, but through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross."

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3. What is the connection between Baptism and our lives of sanctification? (chapter 6)

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**Monday, January 19, 2009 (Genesis 8-11)**

1. Why didn't God just make the water recede in a day after the flood? (chapter 8)

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2. What important lessons can we learn from verses 20-22? (chapter 8)

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3. How does God demonstrate love for the crown of his creation in the opening section of chapter 9?

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4. Why does the Lord include accounts such as the last part of chapter 9 in Scripture?

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5. Evaluate: God confused the languages of mankind because he was concerned about their growing power. (chapter 11)

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**Tuesday, January 20, 2009 (Joshua 11-15)**

1. Respond to someone who says, "The God I worship would never 'exterminate' people or condone ethnic cleansing." (11:14,20)

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2. How can 11:23 say, "Joshua took the whole land," while 13:1 says, "there are still very large areas of land to be taken over"?

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3. Why give such a detailed description of tribal borders and town names?

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**Wednesday, January 21, 2009 (Psalms 6-8)**

1. Can/should you include Psalm 7:8 in your prayers to God?

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2. To whom does Psalm 8 refer? (cf. Hebrews 2:6-8)

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**Thursday, January 22, 2009 (Job 7, 8)**

1. Explain: God's omnipresence is reason for both terror and comfort. (7:17-19)

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2. How do Job's friends hold to a "theology of glory"? (Chapter 8)

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**Friday, January 23, 2009 (Isaiah 18-22)**

1. Where should we find fulfillment for the prophecies about Egypt in chapter 19?

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2. The people of Jerusalem thought they had prepared their battle defenses, but what had they forgotten? (Chapter 22)

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**Saturday, January 24, 2009 (St. Matthew 8-10)**

1. What do the miracles in chapters 8 and 9 have in common?

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2. As we go out into the world with the gospel, what is the same or different for us in the instructions Jesus gave his disciples? (Chapter 10)

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**Sunday, January 25, 2009 (Romans 7, 8)**

1. Are you a slave to sin, a slave to God, or both? (Chapter 7)

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2. We are in Christ Jesus! What blessings result from this relationship with Christ? (Chapter 8)

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**Monday, January 26, 2009 (Genesis 12-15)**

1. Why did God call Abram? (Chapter 12)

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2. How were Abram and Lot different? (Chapters 13-14)

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3. On what was Abram's faith based? (Chapter 15)

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**Tuesday, January 27, 2009 (Joshua 16-20)**

1. Give examples of how the Israelites did and did not keep God's commands when they divided the land.

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**Wednesday, January 28, 2009 (Psalms 9-11)**

1. Psalms 9 and 10 may have been one psalm when David wrote them (cf. NIV footnote). How can such contrary things be side by side? Are the wicked destroyed yet, or not?

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2. How does Psalm 11 disprove the saying, "God hates the sin but loves the sinner"?

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**Thursday, January 29, 2009 (Job 9-10)**

1. Evaluate Job's imagined defense speech before God in Chapter 10.

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**Friday, January 30, 2009 (Isaiah 23-28)**

1. In Isaiah 24-25, what is God going to destroy? Why is this destruction a reason for praise to the LORD?

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2. What earthly pictures does Isaiah use to describe God's judgment and salvation? (Chapters 26-27)

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3. For what reasons does Isaiah pronounce woes on Ephraim? (28:1-15)

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4. Isaiah 28:16 is quoted in Romans 9:33 and 10:11, and in 1 Peter 2:6. In the context of Isaiah 28, is the passage law or gospel?

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**Saturday, January 31, 2009 (Matthew 11-13)**

1. Why would John the Baptist, of all people, ask Jesus the question recorded in Matthew 11:3?

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2. How do the objections of the Pharisees in chapter 12 show different facets of their unbelief?

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3. What is the "kingdom of heaven" mentioned so often in Matthew 13? What do the parables teach you about that kingdom?

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**Sunday, February 1, 2009 (Romans 9-10)**

1. How would you explain Romans 9 to someone who believes in double-predestination?

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2. What can you learn about the Means of Grace from Romans 10?

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**Monday, February 2, 2009 (Genesis 16-19)**

1. List the things that went wrong when Abram and Sarai tried to fulfill God's promise for him.

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2. Some see a connection between circumcision in the Old Testament and baptism in the New. What similarities or differences do you see? (Chapter 17)

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3. From the context of Genesis 19 as well as from other Bible passages, what was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah? (cf. Isaiah 3:9; Jeremiah 23:14; 2 Peter 2:7-8; Jude 7)

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4. Evaluate Lot's actions in Genesis 19. (Cf. 2 Peter 2:6-9)

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**Tuesday, February 3, 2009 (Joshua 21-24)**

1. How does chapter 21 serve the prophetic purpose of the book?

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2. What does chapter 22 reveal about the people of Israel at this stage?

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3. Joshua, in chapter 23, sounds just like the man he replaced. Pick out the main points of his address.

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4. Why does Joshua challenge the people's promise to serve the Lord? (chapter 24)

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**Wednesday, February 4, 2009 (Psalms 12-14)**

1. How do these three psalms all describe the challenge of the Christian life?

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**Thursday, February 5, 2009 (Job 11, 12)**

1. Pick out the useless counsel offered by Zophar.

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2. Explain: Job offers a caricature of the Lord's dealings with men in chapter 12.

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**Friday, February 6, 2009 (Isaiah 29-33)**

1. What accusations does the Lord level against his people in chapter 29?

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2. Pick out the Lord's evidence of the stubbornness of the people in chapter 30.

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3. What words of comfort does the Lord offer to the remnant in chapters 29-32?

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4. What blessings does the Messiah bring according to chapter 33?

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**Saturday, February 7, 2009 (Matthew 14-16)**

1. How is Jesus portrayed in chapter 14?

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2. Compare and contrast the attitudes expressed towards Jesus in chapter 15.

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3. What “marks” of a disciple of Jesus does chapter 16 highlight?

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**Sunday, February 8, 2009 (Romans 11, 12)**

1. The doxology at the close of chapter 11 is particularly appropriate considering the subject matter of chapters 9-11. In what ways?

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2. What impact is God’s mercy to have on his people, according to chapter 12?

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**Monday, February 9, 2009 (Genesis 20-23)**

1. Why does the Lord reveal incidents like the one in Genesis 20?

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2. Who would you pick as the hero of the story in Genesis 22? Why?

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**Tuesday, February 10, 2009 (Judges 1-6)**

1. The first two chapters reveal the sources of the Israelites' problems throughout the book. What are they?

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2. Chapter two introduces the prophetic formula that will be used to describe this period of the judges. What is it?

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3. What lessons can we learn from the fact that Deborah served as judge over Israel?

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4. Chapter 6 underscores God's rich grace. In what ways?

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**Wednesday, February 11, 2009 (Psalms 15-17)**

1. Psalm 16 is primarily about the Christ. Note the ways in which it is fulfilled.

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2. What does Psalm 17 teach you for your prayer life?

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**Thursday, February 12, 2009 (Job 13, 14)**

1. How does Job's sinfulness show itself in the words recorded in these chapters?

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**Friday, February 13, 2009 (Isaiah 34-39)**

1. Chapters 34 and 35 look at the same event from different angles. Explain.

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2. How does the arrogance of the Assyrian field commander show itself in chapter 36?

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3. What does the Lord want his people to know about him that he reveals in chapters 37 and 38?

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4. Compare and contrast the Hezekiah of chapters 37 and 38 with the Hezekiah of chapter 39.

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**Saturday, February 14, 2009 (Matthew 17-19)**

1. How do the Transfiguration account and the healing both lead up to verses 22 and 23?

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2. What connections can you make between the sections in chapter 18?

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3. Which common misperceptions does Jesus address in chapter 19?

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**Sunday, February 15, 2009 (Romans 13, 14)**

1. How does the approach of the Day of Judgment impact the Christian's life, according to these chapters?

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**Monday, February 16, 2009 (Genesis 24-27)**

1. How does chapter 24 demonstrate that Abraham was a man of God?

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2. How does the Lord's grace shine forth in chapter 26?

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3. What scriptural truths do you find illustrated in chapter 27?

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**Tuesday, February 17, 2009 (Judges 7-11)**

1. What lessons did the Lord teach Gideon in chapter 7?

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2. Evaluate: Gideon was the ideal judge. (chapters 7 and 8)

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3. What lessons about the Lord's rule do you find in chapters 9 and 10?

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**Wednesday, February 18, 2009 (Psalms 18-20)**

1. For what does King David praise the Lord in Psalm 18?

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2. Psalm 19 addresses the revelation of God. How does God reveal himself?

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**Thursday, February 19, 2009 (Job 15, 16)**

1. The counsel of Job's friends harmed him, but hadn't robbed him of hope completely. Prove that on the basis of these chapters.

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**Friday, February 20, 2009 (Isaiah 40-44)**

1. Why could the people of God rejoice even after hearing about going into captivity? (chapter 40)

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2. Chapter 41 emphasizes that there is no comparison between idols and the Lord. In what ways?

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3. Point out the ways in which the Messianic prophecy of chapter 42 is fulfilled.

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4. What pleas does the Lord make to his people in chapters 43 and 44?

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**Saturday, February 21, 2009 (Matthew 20-22)**

1. Jesus' kingdom does not operate the way the world might wish it would operate. Prove that from chapter 20.

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2. Evaluate: "Jesus, in chapter 21, has embarked on a much more combative course."

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3. Comment on the way that Jesus answered his enemies in chapter 22.

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**Sunday, February 22, 2009 (Romans 15, 16)**

1. What does chapter 15 teach about the Apostle Paul's "approach to ministry"?

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2. Why does the Apostle give such strong instruction about false teachers in 16:17?

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**Monday, February 23, 2009 (Genesis 28-31)**

1. Why did the Lord provide a vision to Jacob? (chapter 28)

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2. Comment on Jacob's request of Laban and the way Jacob increased the size of his flocks. (chapters 30, 31)

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**Tuesday, February 24, 2009 (Judges 12-16)**

1. What important lessons can be learned from the Lord's actions in chapter 13?

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2. Comment on Samson's request for a Philistine woman as his wife. (chapter 14)

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3. What was Samson's flaw in the situation with Delilah? (chapter 16)

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**Wednesday, February 25, 2009 (Psalms 21-23)**

1. Pick out the fulfillments of Psalm 22 in the life of Christ.

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2. Why have God's people so treasured Psalm 23?

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**Thursday, February 26, 2009 (Job 17, 18)**

1. How does Bildad's counsel fail? (chapter 18)

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**Friday, February 27, 2009 (Isaiah 45-50)**

1. What truths about the Lord do chapters 45 and 46 emphasize?

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2. Why would the Lord free Israel from Babylon? (chapters 47 and 48)

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3. How is the Messianic prophecy of chapter 49 fulfilled in Jesus?

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4. Explain 50:11 in light of the rest of the chapter.

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**Saturday, February 28, 2009 (Matthew 23-25)**

1. Why does Jesus use such strong language in chapter 23?

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2. What important lessons about the end of the world does Jesus teach in chapters 24 and 25?

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**Sunday, March 1, 2009 (1 Corinthians 1, 2)**

1. How do these chapters outline the Apostle's approach to public ministry?

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**Monday, March 2, 2009 (Genesis 32-35)**

1. Demonstrate, from chapters 32 and 33, that the Lord had changed Jacob.

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2. Evaluate: God punished the sin of Shechem through Simeon and Levi. (chapter 34)

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**Tuesday, March 3, 2009 (Judges 17-21)**

1. How does the story about Micah and the Danites show Israel's spiritual decay during the time of the judges? (chapters 17-18)

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2. How does the story about the Levite and his concubine show Israel's moral decay during the time of the judges? (chapters 19-21)

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3. Agree or disagree? The problem throughout the period of the judges was that there was no king to govern the people. (17:6, 21:25)

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**Wednesday, March 4, 2009 (Psalms 24-26)**

1. What can you learn about how to approach God from Psalms 24-26?

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**Thursday, March 5, 2009 (Job 19,20)**

1. How can Job in the same chapter view God as his enemy and as his Redeemer? (chapter 19)

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**Friday, March 6, 2009 (Isaiah 51-55)**

1. What pictures does Isaiah use to portray the salvation of God's people in chapters 51 and 52?

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2. Explain: The Old Testament teaches the vicarious atonement. (chapter 53)

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3. What promises does God make to the Church, his bride, in Isaiah 54?

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4. What does chapter 55 teach you about the gospel?

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**Saturday, March 7, 2009 (Matthew 26-28)**

1. List ways in chapter 26 in which Jesus was strong while the sinful people around him were weak.

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2. Where do you find fulfillments of Isaiah 53 in chapters 27 and 28?

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3. Agree or disagree? It's appropriate for us to speak of ourselves "making disciples." (28:19)

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**Sunday, March 8, 2009 (1 Corinthians 3,4)**

1. How does God want us to view public ministers?

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**Monday, March 9, 2009 (Genesis 36-39)**

1. What were the causes and effects of the discord in Jacob's family?

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2. List the ways in which chapters 38 and 39 are opposites in regard to the Sixth Commandment.

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**Tuesday, March 10, 2009 (Ruth)**

1. How does the book of Ruth serve as a bridge between Judges and 1 Samuel?

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2. After such a dismal end to the book of Judges, how are both Ruth and Boaz shining examples that during those days some Israelites still worshiped the LORD and put that faith into action?

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**Wednesday, March 11, 2009 (Psalms 27-29)**

1. All three of these Psalms say the LORD is strong. In what ways?

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**Thursday, March 12, 2009 (Job 21,22)**

1. From your own experience, do you agree or disagree with Job's assessment of how the world works? (chapter 21)

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**Friday, March 13, 2009 (Isaiah 56-61)**

1. For what sins does God call the Israelites to repentance in 56:9-57:13?

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2. What is God looking for when he tells us to repent? (57:14 – 59)

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3. In what ways does chapter 60 fit very well with the season of Epiphany?

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4. What blessings would the Messiah bring to his people according to chapter 61?

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**Saturday, March 14, 2009 (Mark 1,2)**

1. Prove, from chapter 1: "Jesus was obviously on a mission."

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2. Note some differences between Jesus and the Pharisees. (chapter 2)

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**Sunday, March 15, 2009 (1 Corinthians 5,6)**

1. Explain, from chapter 5: God defines love differently than the people of the world around us.

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2. Summarize chapter 6 on the basis of verses 19 and 20.

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**Monday, March 16, 2009 (Genesis 40-43)**

1. What lessons would the Lord have us learn through chapters 40 and 41?

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2. Comment on the brothers' words and actions in chapters 42 and 43.

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**Tuesday, March 17, 2009 (1 Samuel 1-5)**

1. How does Hannah show herself to be a model mother? (chapters 1 and 2)

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2. What do the first four chapters reveal about the spiritual situation in Israel?

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3. What truths did the Lord teach in chapter 5?

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**Wednesday, March 18, 2009 (Psalms 30-32)**

1. How might you use Psalms 30 and 31 to comfort the Christian undergoing trial?

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2. Evaluate this advice in light of Psalm 32: "Confess your sins because it will make you feel better."

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**Thursday, March 19, 2009 (Job 23,24)**

1. How does Job's faith shine through in these chapters, even in the midst of his struggles?

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**Friday, March 20, 2009 (Isaiah 62-66)**

1. What is the sad truth about God's people, even after they know about their Savior who died for them? (chapters 63, 64)

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2. What is heaven like? What is hell like? (chapters 65, 66)

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**Saturday, March 21, 2009 (Mark 3, 4)**

1. What does chapter 3 teach about the sin against the Holy Spirit?

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2. Why did Jesus use parables? (chapter 4)

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**Sunday, March 22, 2009 (1 Corinthians 7, 8)**

1. Agree or disagree? An unmarried person is more able than a married person to serve in "the Lord's affairs." (chapter 7)

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2. How does the matter of meat sacrificed to idols serve as an example of the truth that “Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up”? (chapter 8)

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**Monday, March 23, 2009 (Genesis 44-47)**

1. What can Joseph teach you about forgiveness? (chapters 44, 45)

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2. How does Jacob show his faith in chapters 46 and 47?

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**Tuesday, March 24, 2009 (1 Samuel 6-10)**

1. How was the battle in chapter 7 completely different from the battle in chapter 4?

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2. Evaluate the people’s request in 1 Samuel 8:5.

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3. Why did God pick Saul as Israel’s first king? (chapters 9, 10)

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**Wednesday, March 25, 2009 (Psalms 33-35)**

1. What "First Article" reasons does Psalm 33 give to praise the Lord?

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2. With what confidence do we face the enemies of the gospel? (Psalms 34 and 35)

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**Thursday, March 26, 2009 (Job 25, 26)**

**Friday, March 27, 2009 (Jeremiah 1-6)**

1. What encouragement did the Lord offer as he called Jeremiah into prophetic ministry? (chapter 1)

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2. What "charges" does the Lord raise against the people of Judah in chapters 2 and 3?

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3. How does the Lord show himself to be the covenant God in chapters 3 and 4?

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4. What false teachings had entranced the people of Judah according to chapters 5 and 6?

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**Saturday, March 28, 2009 (Mark 5, 6)**

1. What does the account of the healing of the demon-possessed man teach about the devil and his demons? (chapter 5)

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2. What lessons should we take from the other two miracle accounts in chapter 5?

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3. How does Jesus demonstrate great compassion in chapter 6?

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**Sunday, March 29, 2009 (1 Corinthians 9, 10)**

1. What important truths about public ministry does chapter 9 teach?

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2. Explain: God calls Christians to live both carefully and confidently. (chapter 10)

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**Monday, March 30, 2009 (Genesis 48-50)**

1. How did Joseph show himself to be a man of faith in the closing chapters of Genesis?

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**Tuesday, March 31, 2009 (1 Samuel 11-15)**

1. What were Samuel's final concerns as he finished his work as prophet and judge? (chapter 12)

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2. After a great start to his reign (chapter 11), how did Saul's true character show itself in chapters 13-15?

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3. Respond: "After God saw Saul's true character, he changed his mind and made David king."

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**Wednesday, April 1, 2009 (Psalms 36-38)**

1. How does a child of God view the wicked people around him or her? (Psalms 36, 37)

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2. How does a child of God view his or her own wickedness? (Psalm 38)

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**Thursday, April 2, 2009 (Job 27, 28)**

**Friday, April 3, 2009 (Jeremiah 7-11)**

1. What was wrong with the people's attitude when they said, "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!"? (chapter 7)

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2. Why should their knowledge of the LORD have stopped the Israelites from breaking God's covenant? (chapters 10, 11)

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**Saturday, April 4, 2009 (Mark 7, 8)**

1. What was wrong with the Pharisees' application of "clean" and "unclean"? Weren't they just following the God-given Mosaic law? (chapter 7)

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2. Give examples of Jesus patiently strengthening those with weak faith. (chapter 8)

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**Sunday, April 5, 2009 (1 Corinthians 11, 12)**

1. How much of 11:3-16 applies to us today? All? Some? None?

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2. From the context of chapter 11, what kind of person eats and drinks judgment on himself or herself in the Lord's Supper?

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3. How does Paul's human body illustration apply to our church today?

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**Monday, April 6, 2009 (Exodus 1-4)**

1. Agree or disagree? Lying is sometimes God-pleasing. (chapter 1)

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2. What does the LORD teach about himself in his appearance at the burning bush? (chapters 3, 4)

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3. How is Moses as a leader in chapter 4 different from Moses as a leader in chapter 2?

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**Tuesday, April 7, 2009 (1 Samuel 16-20)**

1. How does David show himself to be the opposite of Saul in chapters 16-19?

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2. What can you learn about friendship from Jonathan? (chapters 18-20)

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**Wednesday, April 8, 2009 (Psalms 39-41)**

1. How is the complaint in Psalm 39 answered in Psalm 40?

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2. Psalm 41 is quoted as messianic (John 13:18), and Psalm 40 seems to be the Messiah speaking as well. Where do you see the events of Holy Week in these two psalms?

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**Thursday, April 9, 2009 (Job 29, 30)**

1. While memories of pleasant times are a gift from God, how can they be turned into temptation for a Christian?

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**Friday, April 10, 2009 (Jeremiah 12-16)**

1. What is God's answer to Jeremiah's complaint in chapter 12?

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2. What pictures of wrath and judgment does God use in chapters 13-16 to drive home the harsh message of the law?

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3. Although Jeremiah's message was often God's wrath, where do you find promises of God's love and grace sprinkled throughout these chapters?

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**Saturday, April 11, 2009 (Mark 9, 10)**

1. What misconceptions does Jesus address in these chapters?

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2. Why does Jesus repeatedly predict his death and resurrection? (chapters 9 and 10)

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**Sunday, April 12, 2009 (1 Corinthians 13, 14) – CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

1. Comment on St. Paul's definition of love in chapter 13 in the context of chapters 12 and 14.

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2. What are the key components of fitting and orderly worship and congregational life? (chapter 14)

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**Monday, April 13, 2009 (Exodus 5-8)**

1. What "danger" does God face by allowing difficulties in the lives of his people? (chapters 5 and 6)

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2. Why would God send plagues on Egypt? (chapters 6-8)

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3. Compare and contrast the work of the Egyptian magicians with that done by Moses and Aaron. (chapters 7 and 8)

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4. Comment on the progression of Pharaoh's hard heart. (beginning with 7:3)

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**Tuesday, April 14, 2009 (1 Samuel 21-25)**

1. Agree or disagree? David trusted the Lord to provide for him and protect him. (chapter 21)

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2. What picture of Saul do chapters 22 and 23 provide?

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3. Give examples (both positive and negative) for us to follow or avoid in chapters 24 and 25?

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**Wednesday, April 15, 2009 (Psalms 42-44)**

1. Evaluate, in light of Psalms 42 and 43: In times of sadness we do well to talk to ourselves.

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**Thursday, April 16, 2009 (Job 31, 32)**

**Friday, April 17, 2009 (Jeremiah 17-21)**

1. What two lessons could the people of Judah learn from the potter? (chapters 18, 19)

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2. Evaluate Jeremiah's prayer after being persecuted. (chapter 20)

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**Saturday, April 18, 2009 (Mark 11, 12)**

1. Agree or disagree? It was unreasonable for Jesus to expect fruit from a tree when it was not the season for fruit. (11:13)

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2. What was wrong with the attitude behind the questions asked of Jesus in chapter 12?

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**Sunday, April 19, 2009 (1 Corinthians 15, 16)**

1. Why do those who teach that Jesus' resurrection was a spiritual, but not bodily, resurrection find themselves on slippery ground?

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2. What will your body be like in heaven? (15:35-58)

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**Monday, April 20, 2009 (Exodus 9-12)**

1. Agree or disagree? It was deceptive to ask Pharaoh only for a three-day journey to sacrifice when the real goal was to leave and never come back.

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2. The progression of Pharaoh's hard heart began in chapter 7. How did it continue in these chapters?

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3. In what ways did the Passover point to Jesus? (chapters 11, 12)

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**Tuesday, April 21, 2009 (1 Samuel 26-31)**

1. What can you learn about the occult from chapter 28?

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2. In what ways is chapter 31 a tragic ending to 1 Samuel?

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**Wednesday, April 22, 2009 (Psalms 45-47)**

1. Hebrews 1:8,9 identifies Psalm 45 as messianic. What do you see fulfilled in Jesus?

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2. Psalm 46 was the inspiration for Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God." How does this psalm encourage the church militant in every age?

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**Thursday, April 23, 2009 (Job 33, 34)**

1. Is Elihu's counsel different from that of the other three friends? Is it better? Worse?

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**Friday, April 24, 2009 (Jeremiah 22-26)**

1. Show from these chapters that the book of Jeremiah is *not* arranged strictly chronologically. (cf. 2 Kings 34)

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2. Why, of all the sins God could pick, does false teaching receive the strongest rebuke? (chapter 23)

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3. In the midst of such strong law, God gives two of the greatest gospel promises in the book of Jeremiah. Comment on the significance of 23:3-8 and 25:12-14.

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**Saturday, April 25, 2009 (Mark 13, 14)**

1. How did Jesus show that he was focused on one thing only—dying for us? (chapter 14)

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**Sunday, April 26, 2009 (2 Corinthians 1-3)**

1. Why did Paul have to stress that, “No matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ” in 1:20?

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2. What connection is there between 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 and 1 Corinthians 5?

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3. How did Paul use Exodus 34:33-35 to show the difference between the old and new covenants?

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**Monday, April 27, 2009 (Exodus 13-16)**

1. What did the LORD accomplish with the miracle at the Red Sea? (chapters 14, 15)

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2. In what ways do we today, like the Israelites, misuse God’s good gifts? (chapter 16)

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**Tuesday, April 28, 2009 (2 Samuel 1-4)**

1. How do these chapters demonstrate David's carefulness and godly wisdom as he gradually assumed his power as king?

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**Wednesday, April 29, 2009 (Psalms 48-50)**

1. What reasons do these psalms offer to trust in the Lord? (both positive and negative)

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**Thursday, April 30, 2009 (Job 35, 36)**

1. Evaluate the two main points that Elihu makes in these two chapters.

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**Friday, May 1, 2009 (Jeremiah 27-31)**

1. What does the Lord reveal about himself in chapters 27 and 28?

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2. Pick out some of the main points of Jeremiah's letter to the exiles. (chapter 29)

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3. What encouragements does the Lord offer his people in chapters 30 and 31?

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**Saturday, May 2, 2009 (Mark 15, 16)**

1. Make a list of the amazing and marvelous in these chapters.

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**Sunday, May 3, 2009 (2 Corinthians 4, 5)**

1. How does the Apostle Paul answer his detractors in chapter 4? (*Pick out what his detractors must have been saying from the way the Apostle answers.*)

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2. How does faith in Christ change the way a person views life according to these chapters?

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**Monday, May 4, 2009 (Exodus 17-20)**

1. What lessons did the people of Israel need to learn and relearn? (chapter 17)

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2. Why did the Lord have all the “visual and audio effects” at Mount Sinai? (chapters 19 and 20)

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3. Comment on the order of the commandments and the applications made. (chapter 20)

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**Tuesday, May 5, 2009 (2 Samuel 5-9)**

1. How did David, in these chapters, show himself to be the kind of king that the people of Israel and Judah needed?

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**Wednesday, May 6, 2009 (Psalms 51-53)**

1. What does Psalm 51 teach about repentance?

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2. Using the thoughts of Psalms 52 and 53, compare and contrast wisdom and folly.

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**Thursday, May 7, 2009 (Job 37, 38)**

1. Summarize the Lord's response to Job in chapter 38.

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**Friday, May 8, 2009 (Jeremiah 32-36)**

1. Why did the Lord have Jeremiah purchase a field even while he was imprisoned? (chapter 32)

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2. Pick out the promises by which the Lord encouraged the faithful remnant. (chapter 33)

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3. Why was the Lord so concerned about his people freeing their countrymen from slavery?  
(chapters 34 and 35)

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4. What parallels to what we hear in chapter 36 occur in our time?

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**Saturday, May 9, 2009 (Luke 1, 2)**

1. What common themes do you find in the two songs included in chapter 1?

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2. Point out some of the amazing, comforting truths recorded in chapter 2.

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**Sunday, May 10, 2009 (2 Corinthians 6-8)**

1. Why does the Apostle plead with the Corinthians to “make room for us in your hearts”? (chapters 6 and 7)

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2. What does the Lord teach us about giving in chapter 8?

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**Monday, May 11, 2009 (Exodus 21-24)**

1. Why does God give these many different laws?

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2. What encouragement does God give to his people at the end of chapter 23?

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3. What does the Lord reveal about himself in chapter 24?

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**Tuesday, May 12, 2009 (2 Samuel 10-14)**

1. What warnings ought we take from chapter 11?

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2. What important lessons about the Lord's dealings with men can we learn from chapter 12?

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3. List some lessons about sin revealed in chapter 13.

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4. Comment on King David's actions in chapter 14.

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**Wednesday, May 13, 2009 (Psalms 54-56)**

1. What are some of the truths of the Christian life revealed in these psalms?

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**Thursday, May 14, 2009 (Job 39, 40)**

1. What impact does the Lord's speaking have on Job? (cf. 40:4, 5)

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2. Summarize the Lord's second discourse in chapter 40.

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**Friday, May 15, 2009 (Jeremiah 37-41)**

1. The Lord is continually working in history and in his people for his good purposes. Demonstrate that from these chapters.

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**Saturday, May 16, 2009 (Luke 3, 4)**

1. Demonstrate from chapter 3 that John understood well his role as forerunner.

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2. What repeated themes do you find in chapter 4?

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**Sunday, May 17, 2009 (2 Corinthians 9, 10)**

1. What does chapter 9 teach about giving to the Lord?

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2. How does the Apostle answer the accusation raised against him? (chapter 10)

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**Monday, May 18, 2009 (Exodus 25-28)**

1. What was God teaching the Israelites through the symbolism of the tabernacle and its furnishings? (ark, table, lampstand, tabernacle, altar of burnt offering)

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2. What was God teaching the Israelites through the symbolism of the garments of the priests? (ephod, breastpiece, robe, woven tunic, turban, sash)

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**Tuesday, May 19, 2009 (2 Samuel 15-19)**

1. How are David's strengths and weaknesses evident in his handling of Absalom's rebellion?

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2. Evaluate Hushai's words in 16:18,19 and 17:7-14.

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**Wednesday, May 20, 2009 (Psalms 57-59)**

1. Agree or disagree? A Christian will be glad when she is avenged. (Psalms 58 and 59)

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**Thursday, May 21, 2009 (Job 41, 42)**

1. How do the Lord's words in 42:7 help in understanding the rest of the book?

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2. What comfort and encouragement ought we take from the closing verses of the book?

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**Friday, May 22, 2009 (Jeremiah 42-46)**

1. Explain, from chapters 42 and 43: The Lord wanted to teach his people to trust in him.

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2. Why did the people refuse to listen to the words of Jeremiah? (chapter 44)

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3. What comfort does the Lord offer to the remnant in chapter 46?

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**Saturday, May 23, 2009 (Luke 5, 6)**

1. What does chapter five reveal about Jesus?

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2. Evaluate: Jesus purposely infuriated the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. (chapter 6)

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3. What key characteristics of love does Jesus encourage in the second half of chapter 6?

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**Sunday, May 24, 2009 (2 Corinthians 11-13)**

1. What reasons does St. Paul offer that he is not inferior to the “super apostles”? (chapters 11, 12)

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2. Paul keeps repeating a threat in the last chapters of 2 Corinthians. When is it God-pleasing for a Christian to threaten others? (13:2, cf. 10:6,11)

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**Monday, May 25, 2009 (Exodus 29-32)**

1. Why would the Lord require such an elaborate ceremony for the consecration of the priests? (chapter 29)

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2. Compare and contrast the leadership shown by Aaron with that shown by Moses in chapter 32.

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**Tuesday, May 26, 2009 (2 Samuel 20-24)**

1. Comment on Joab's actions in chapter 20.

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2. How does David show himself to be an ideal king in his song in chapter 22?

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3. What lessons should we learn from the account of David counting his soldiers? (chapter 24)

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**Wednesday, May 27, 2009 (Psalms 60-62)**

1. Explain, on the basis of Psalm 62, "In God alone we find rest."

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**Thursday, May 28, 2009 (Proverbs 1)**

1. What will happen to those who refuse the Lord's wisdom?

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**Friday, May 29, 2009 (Jeremiah 47-52)**

1. Why would the Lord wreak such havoc on the nations? (chapters 47-51)

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2. Why did the Lord allow the Babylonians to destroy the temple and the royal palace? (chapter 52)

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**Saturday, May 30, 2009 (Luke 7, 8)**

1. How did Jesus respond to those who had doubts or questions about his preaching and his practice? (chapter 7)

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2. Compare and contrast the miracles of Jesus recorded in chapter 8.

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**Sunday, May 31, 2009 (Galatians 1-3)**

1. In the first chapter Paul pronounces a curse, condemning people eternally to hell. Although we teach in the Second Commandment that cursing is a sin, why was it appropriate for Paul here?

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2. How does Paul's personal history prove that the gospel he preached was not something that man made up? (1:11-2:21)

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3. What false teaching was being preached in Galatia? (chapters 2,3)

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**Monday, June 1, 2009 (Exodus 33-36)**

1. Although Moses' relationship with God was in many ways unique, what can you learn about your relationship with God in chapters 33 and 34?

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2. What does the name "the LORD" mean? (chapter 34)

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3. How are the Israelites in chapter 35 an excellent example of God-pleasing stewardship?

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4. Explain: Bezalel and Oholiab are an Old Testament example of 1 Corinthians 12.

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**Tuesday, June 2, 2009 (1 Kings 1-4)**

1. Comment on the troubled, bloody start to Solomon's reign. (chapters 1,2)

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2. Solomon literally asked for “a hearing heart” in 3:9. What was he asking for, and why is that so important for anyone, but especially a leader?

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**Wednesday, June 3, 2009 (Psalms 63-65)**

1. In what ways does your soul “thirst for God”? (Psalm 63)

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**Thursday, June 4, 2009 (Proverbs 2, 3)**

1. Where does wisdom come from?

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2. List some of the benefits of having wisdom.

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**Friday, June 5, 2009 (Lamentations)**

1. According to tradition, Jeremiah wrote this book after living through the destruction of Jerusalem. Compare and contrast Jeremiah’s reaction here with the book of Job.

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2. Even when life is utter sorrow and loss, why does a believer in the LORD always have hope?

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**Saturday, June 6, 2009 (Luke 9, 10)**

1. List some things the disciples did not understand about how God's kingdom works. (chapter 9)

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2. Evaluate: The man on the road to Jericho is Adam, who was beaten by the devil. The priest and the Levite are the Old Testament law, which do not save. Jesus is the Good Samaritan who binds up our wounds and leaves us in the care of the inn, the church.

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**Sunday, June 7, 2009 (Galatians 4-6)**

1. How does the allegory about Hagar and Sarah show that we are not slaves, but free? (Chapter 4)

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2. What does it mean to live your life in the freedom for which Christ has set us free? (chapters 5,6)

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**Monday, June 8, 2009 (Exodus 37-40)**

1. How was the tabernacle an entirely new way for God to be present with his people?

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**Tuesday, June 9, 2009 (1 Kings 5-9)**

1. How was Solomon's temple the same as or different from the tabernacle? (chapters 6, 7)

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2. Pick out Solomon's main thoughts in the blessings and prayer at the temple's dedication.

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**Wednesday, June 10, 2009 (Psalms 66-68)**

1. God blesses us and we praise him. List some of the blessings and praises in these three psalms.

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**Thursday, June 11, 2009 (Proverbs 4)**

1. "Above all else, guard your heart" (4:23). Using the rest of this chapter, what did David mean when he spoke this proverb to Solomon?

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**Friday, June 12, 2009 (Ezekiel 1-6)**

1. From the opening verses, what do we know about the setting of this book (date, place, etc.) and about its author?

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2. What was Ezekiel's God-given assignment? How does it compare with ours? (chapters 2, 3)

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3. How did the LORD turn Ezekiel's life into an object lesson in chapters 4 and 5?

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**Saturday, June 13, 2009 (Luke 11, 12)**

1. Explain the similarities and differences of these chapters with the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.

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2. How does 12:13-34 show that two extremes of money management are rooted in the same sin?

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**Sunday, June 14, 2009 (Ephesians 1-3)**

1. Where do you see the work of each person of the Triune God in chapter 1?

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2. What points from chapter 2 would you bring up in a conversation with someone misled by decision theology?

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3. Why is Paul's prayer for the Ephesians still an excellent prayer for us to pray for ourselves and each other? (3:14-21)

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**Monday, June 15, 2009 (Leviticus 1-3)**

1. What important lessons was the Lord teaching his people by the different offerings mentioned in the first three chapters of Leviticus?

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**Tuesday, June 16, 2009 (1 Kings 10-13)**

1. What picture is painted of Solomon in 10:1-11:13?

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2. Comment on the LORD "raising up" adversaries against Solomon. (chapters 11 and 12)

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3. Why did Jeroboam institute, and persist in, idolatrous practices? (chapters 12 and 13)

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**Wednesday, June 17, 2009 (Psalms 69-71)**

1. Pick out fulfillments of this Messianic psalm in the events of Holy Week. (Psalm 69)

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2. Psalm 71 is the prayer of a person who lives in complete dependence on the LORD. In what ways?

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**Thursday, June 18, 2009 (Proverbs 5,6)**

1. What reasons does Solomon offer in Proverbs 5 and 6 to avoid adultery?

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**Friday, June 19, 2009 (Ezekiel 7-12)**

1. Pick out verses in chapter 7 that talk about the depth of destruction to come on Jerusalem.

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2. How does the Lord reveal his justice and his mercy in chapters 8 through 10?

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3. What promises does the Lord give to encourage the faithful remnant? (chapter 11)

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4. Why does the LORD direct Ezekiel to act out prophecies? (chapter 12)

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**Saturday, June 20, 2009 (Luke 13, 14)**

1. Answer, from chapter 13, the person who says, "It is not fair that only a few will be saved."

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2. The kingdom of God operates by entirely different principles than this world. Pick out some of the differences Jesus teaches in chapter 14.

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**Sunday, June 21, 2009 (Ephesians 4-6)**

1. What does the Apostle teach about public ministry in the opening section of chapter 4?

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2. The people of God live differently than the people of the world. In what ways? (chapters 4 and 5)

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3. Comment on the armor of God that the Apostle encourages us to put on. (chapter 6)

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**Monday, June 22, 2009 (Leviticus 4-6)**

1. Distinguish between the sin offering and the guilt offering.

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2. What does this section teach about the life of a priest?

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**Tuesday, June 23, 2009 (1 Kings 14-18)**

1. How do these chapters reveal the consequence of Solomon's sin?

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2. Distinguish between the good kings and the bad kings.

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3. Note ways in which Elijah shows himself to be a great man of God.

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**Wednesday, June 24, 2009 (Psalms 72-74)**

1. How does Psalm 72 find fulfillment in Christ?

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2. What answer does Psalm 73 offer to the concern of the prosperity of the wicked?

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**Thursday, June 25, 2009 (Proverbs 7)**

1. What does Solomon teach about sin in general with his warning against the adulteress?

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**Friday, June 26, 2009 (Ezekiel 13-18)**

1. With what does the Lord charge the false prophets in chapter 13?

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2. In chapter 16, the Lord tells the story of the people of Israel in four parts. Pick out the parts.

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3. How does the Lord answer the accusations made by his people in chapter 18?

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**Saturday, June 27, 2009 (Luke 15, 16)**

1. How does the Parable of the Two Sons answer the charge of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law? (chapter 15)

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2. List truths about money/possessions taught in the opening section of chapter 16.

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3. What truths should we take from the account of the Rich Man and Lazarus in chapter 16?

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**Sunday, June 28, 2009 (Philippians 1, 2)**

1. What does the Apostle teach about the Christian cross in chapter 1?

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2. How does St. Paul define humility in chapter 2?

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**Monday, June 29, 2009 (Leviticus 7-9)**

1. How did the ordination of Aaron and his sons show the solemn importance of their work?

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**Tuesday, June 30, 2009 (1 Kings 19-22)**

1. How did God deal with Elijah's suicidal depression? (chapter 19)

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2. Pick out the commandments that Ahab and Jezebel broke in chapter 21.

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3. Agree or disagree? The LORD sends false prophets and teachers. (chapter 22)

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**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 (Psalms 75-77)**

1. What benefits do these psalms cite regarding remembering the wonderful deeds of the LORD?

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**Thursday, July 2, 2009 (Proverbs 8, 9)**

1. Agree or disagree? Wisdom personified in chapter 8 is really the pre-incarnate Christ speaking.

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2. How do Wisdom and Folly still call out to Americans today? (chapter 9)

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**Friday, July 3, 2009 (Ezekiel 19-24)**

1. The people were saying, "Isn't he just telling parables?" (20:49). What parables did God give through Ezekiel in these chapters, and why should the people have paid attention?

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**Saturday, July 4, 2009 (Luke 17, 18)**

1. What difference does the attitude of 17:10 have in a Christian's life?

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2. How does a person enter the kingdom of God?

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**Sunday, July 5, 2009 (Philippians 3, 4)**

1. Explain: "Only let us live up to what we have already attained" (3:16).

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2. What does it mean to "rejoice in the Lord always"? What does that *not* mean?

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**Monday, July 6, 2009 (Leviticus 10-12)**

1. Why was the action of Nadab and Abihu worthy of death? (chapter 10)

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2. What did it mean to be "unclean"? (chapters 11, 12)

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**Tuesday, July 7, 2009 (2 Kings 1-5)**

1. What was the Lord teaching through Elijah's dealings with King Ahaziah? (chapter 1)

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2. Pick out evidences of the LORD's grace in chapter two.

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3. Compare and contrast the miracles recorded in chapters 3 through 5.

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**Wednesday, July 8, 2009 (Psalms 78-80)**

1. Psalm 78 is often used to speak of the value of Christian education. Why?

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**Thursday, July 9, 2009 (Proverbs 10)**

1. What do these proverbs teach about the proper use of the tongue?

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**Friday, July 10, 2009 (Ezekiel 25-30)**

1. What comfort do chapters 25 and 26 offer to the Christian church of today?

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2. Why was the Lord going to destroy Egypt? (chapters 29 and 30)

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**Saturday, July 11, 2009 (Luke 19, 20)**

1. How does Jesus' zeal for the salvation of sinners show itself in chapter 19?

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2. Comment on Jesus' answers to his enemies in chapter 20.

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**Sunday, July 12, 2009 (Colossians 1, 2)**

1. How does the Apostle, in chapter 1, demonstrate the supremacy of Christ?

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2. What hints about the false teaching threatening the church in Colosse do you find in chapter 2?

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**Monday, July 13, 2009 (Leviticus 13-15)**

1. Evaluate: The Lord was so concerned about the spread of disease among his people that he gave such strict regulations about skin diseases in chapter 13.

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2. What spiritual truths was the Lord teaching with his regulations regarding uncleanness?

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**Tuesday, July 14, 2009 (2 Kings 6-10)**

1. Explain: Faith causes our eyes to see everything differently. (chapters 6, 7)

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2. Agree or disagree? Jehu went too far in slaughtering so many people. (chapters 9, 10)

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3. Was Jehu a good king or a bad king? (chapters 9, 10)

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**Wednesday, July 15, 2009 (Psalms 81-83)**

1. What does Psalm 82 mean when it calls people “gods”? (cf. John 10:34)

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**Thursday, July 16, 2009 (Proverbs 11, 12)**

1. How is wisdom’s way to prosperity different from the world’s way?

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**Friday, July 17, 2009 (Ezekiel 31-36)**

1. Respond to the charge of the people of Israel: “The way of the LORD is not just.” (33:20)

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2. What were the problems with God’s flock? What was God’s solution? (chapter 34)

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3. What pictures does chapter 36 use to describe God's grace?

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**Saturday, July 18, 2009 (Luke 21, 22)**

1. What is a Christian's attitude toward the terrible disasters that mark the end times? (chapter 21)

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2. The disciples' conversation in 22:24 was particularly inappropriate at this time. Why?

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**Sunday, July 19, 2009 (Colossians 3, 4)**

1. How does Paul encourage Christians to do the many good works listed in chapter 3?

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**Monday, July 20, 2009 (Leviticus 16-18)**

1. Explain: The Day of Atonement was the Old Testament Good Friday. (chapter 16)

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2. Some have argued that the prohibitions on incest, bestiality, adultery, child sacrifice, and homosexuality in Leviticus 18 are not civil or ceremonial law but moral law, and therefore that this chapter is binding on all people of all time. Respond.

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**Tuesday, July 21, 2009 (2 Kings 11-15)**

1. Demonstrate that these chapters were not written merely to record historical events and happenings.

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2. Compare and contrast the kings of Judah with the kings of Israel in these chapters.

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**Wednesday, July 22, 2009 (Psalms 84-86)**

1. How do these three psalms highlight the uniqueness of the one true God?

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**Thursday, July 23, 2009 (Proverbs 13)**

1. How are we to view correction and discipline?

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**Friday, July 24, 2009 (Ezekiel 37-42)**

1. What great comfort and encouragement was the Lord giving the exiles in chapter 37?

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2. What statement does the Lord make about the enemies of his people in chapters 38 and 39?

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3. The vision Ezekiel was given of the temple was not to be a blueprint for a new temple, but was to both encourage and instruct. Explain and demonstrate. (chapters 40-42)

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**Saturday, July 25, 2009 (Luke 23, 24)**

1. Pick out examples of Jesus' active obedience (his obeying perfectly the law of God in place of sinners) in chapter 23.

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2. How did the angels and Jesus, in chapter 24, help the women, the men on the way to Emmaus, and the disciples? (*What important principle did they teach for the Christian life?*)

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**Sunday, July 26, 2009 (1 Thessalonians 1-3)**

1. In what ways was the young congregation in Thessalonica a model congregation? (chapter 1)

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2. What do you learn about Paul as a minister of the gospel in chapters 2 and 3?

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**Monday, July 27, 2009 (Leviticus 19-21)**

1. Why did God set such harsh punishments for crimes and such strict rules for priests?

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**Tuesday, July 28, 2009 (2 Kings 16-20)**

1. What was the historical background of the Samaritans? (chapter 17)

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2. Compare and contrast Hezekiah with his father, Ahaz.

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3. What hints do you see in these chapters that many of the idolaters in Israel and Judah may have been claiming that they were really worshiping the LORD?

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**Wednesday, July 29, 2009 (Psalms 87-89)**

1. Why do we use Psalm 88 at the close of our Maundy Thursday service?

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2. Explain, based on Psalm 89: We pray confidently, holding on to God's promises and holding God to his promises.

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**Thursday, July 30, 2009 (Proverbs 14, 15)**

1. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (14:12). Using examples from the rest of the chapter, what fatal paths can seem deceptively good?

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2. What is the value of discipline and correction, for adults as well as children? (chapter 15)

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**Friday, July 31, 2009 (Ezekiel 43-48)**

1. "Did Mary remain a virgin her whole life? Yes, for the 'gate' in which the Lord passed is closed to all others (Ezekiel 44:2)." Respond. (Roman Catholic proof for Mary's perpetual virginity)

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2. Why does Ezekiel end with laws like Leviticus (compare chapter 44 with Leviticus 21) and a new division of the land?

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**Saturday, August 1, 2009 (John 1, 2)**

1. Who, according to John, is Jesus, and why did he come? (chapter 1)

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2. Give examples from these chapters that Jesus was more than what he appeared to be.

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**Sunday, August 2, 2009 (1 Thessalonians 4, 5)**

1. The word "rapture" comes from the Latin translation of "will be caught up" in 4:17. What kind of rapture should Christians expect?

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2. Paul's instructions here are timeless. Which encouragements of chapters 4 and 5 apply to the specific situation in life into which God has placed you?

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**Monday, August 3, 2009 (Leviticus 22-24)**

1. Why did the Lord have such strong restrictions about the priests? (chapter 22)

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2. What purposes were these festivals to serve? (chapter 23)

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**Tuesday, August 4, 2009 (2 Kings 21-25)**

1. Manasseh was anything but an ideal king. Demonstrate that from chapter 21.

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2. Pick out ways in which Josiah was the very king that Judah needed. (chapters 22 and 23)

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3. Why did the Lord allow the Babylonians to desecrate his temple? (chapter 25)

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**Wednesday, August 5, 2009 (Psalms 90-92)**

1. Pick out some important truths about life that these psalms offer.

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**Thursday, August 6, 2009 (Proverbs 16)**

1. What internal qualities and characteristics do these proverbs encourage?

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**Friday, August 7, 2009 (Daniel 1-6)**

1. What different lessons ought we to learn from the first three chapters of Daniel?

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2. Why did Nebuchadnezzar become insane? (chapter 4)

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3. How did Daniel show himself a faithful child of God in chapters five and six?

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**Saturday, August 8, 2009 (John 3, 4)**

1. What does Jesus teach about the kingdom in the opening section of chapter 3?

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2. How does John the Baptizer serve as a good example for every Christian? (chapter 3)

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3. What picture of Jesus does chapter 4 paint?

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**Sunday, August 9, 2009 (2 Thessalonians)**

1. What encouragement does the opening chapter offer to those being persecuted for the faith?

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2. Pick out identifying characteristics of the Antichrist in chapter 2.

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3. Comment on the Apostle Paul using himself as an example to follow. (chapter 3)

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**Monday, August 10, 2009 (Leviticus 25-27)**

1. What was God teaching his people through the Sabbath Year and Year of Jubilee? (chapter 25)

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2. Agree or disagree? The Israelites' future depended on doing good works and avoiding sin. (chapter 26)

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**Tuesday, August 11, 2009 (1 Chronicles 1-4)**

1. Should the "Prayer of Jabez" in 4:10 be a model prayer for us?

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**Wednesday, August 12, 2009 (Psalms 93-95)**

1. Where do we use Psalm 95 regularly in our liturgy, and why does it fit so well there?

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**Thursday, August 13, 2009 (Proverbs 17, 18)**

1. Characterize "the fool" as described by Proverbs.

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**Friday, August 14, 2009 (Daniel 7-12)**

1. What astonishingly accurate political prophecies did God give through Daniel in these chapters?

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2. Where do you see Jesus in these chapters?

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3. What, from Daniel's prayer in chapter 9, would you like to imitate in your own prayers?

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4. How should we interpret the many numbers in these chapters? (e.g. 8:14; 9:20ff; 12:12)

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**Saturday, August 15, 2009 (John 5, 6)**

1. What incredible claims did Jesus make about himself in chapter 5?

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2. Agree or disagree? The end of John 6 is a veiled reference to Holy Communion, just as John 3 is a veiled reference to Baptism.

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**Sunday, August 16, 2009 (1 Timothy 1-3)**

1. For whom is the law intended? For whom is the gospel intended? (chapters 1, 2)

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2. "Allowing braided hair and jewelry, contrary to 2:9, while forbidding women to teach is simply arbitrary." Respond.

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3. Agree or disagree? Called workers ought to be held to a higher standard than other Christians.

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**Monday, August 17, 2009 (Numbers 1-4)**

1. Why would the Lord decree a census of the people? Why wouldn't he include the Levites in that number? (chapters 1-3)

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2. Comment on significant aspects of the arrangement of the tribal camps. (chapter 2)

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3. What lessons can be learned from the duties assigned to the Levite clans? (chapter 4)

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**Tuesday, August 18, 2009 (1 Chronicles 5-9)**

1. Pick out evidences of history given from a prophet's perspective in these chapters.

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**Wednesday, August 19, 2009 (Psalms 96-98)**

1. What reasons do these psalms give for the people of God to live in joy?

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**Thursday, August 20, 2009 (Proverbs 19)**

1. Pick out proverbs that apply the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Commandments.

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**Friday, August 21, 2009 (Hosea 1-7)**

1. What statement was the Lord making to the Northern Kingdom by what he instructed Hosea to do in the first chapter?

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2. Why was the Lord going to withhold crops and wealth from the Northern Kingdom? (chapter 2)

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3. What were the results of the spirit of prostitution in the hearts of the people of Israel? (chapters 3-5)

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4. List some of the charges the Lord levels against the Northern Kingdom. (chapters 6,7)

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**Saturday, August 22, 2009 (John 7-9)**

1. Why did Jesus go to the Feast when he had told his brothers that the time was not right? (chapter 7)

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2. Some believed Jesus was the Christ; others rejected the idea. Lay out the case presented by each side. (chapter 7)

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3. What claims does Jesus make about himself in chapter 8 by his words and actions?

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4. What lessons did Jesus use this miracle of healing a blind man to teach? (chapter 9)

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**Sunday, August 23, 2009 (1 Timothy 4-6)**

1. Complete this sentence, with thoughts provided by the Apostle Paul in chapter 4, "A good minister of Christ Jesus will . . ."

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2. What responsibilities does God give to his people in respect to family (both physical and spiritual) and leaders in the church? (chapter 5)

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3. What does the Apostle Paul suggest drives false teaching? (chapter 6)

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**Monday, August 24, 2009 (Numbers 5-8)**

1. Why is the Aaronic blessing a fitting close to our worship? (6:22-27)

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2. In what ways did the Israelites show that they were dedicated to God?

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**Tuesday, August 25, 2009 (1 Chronicles 10-14)**

1. While these chapters parallel much of 2 Samuel 1-6, why would the writer of Chronicles leave out the difficult beginning of David's reign recorded in 2 Samuel 2 and 3?

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**Wednesday, August 26, 2009 (Psalms 99-101)**

1. Explain: Worshipping our Savior is not only for Sunday, but for the rest of the week as well.

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**Thursday, August 27, 2009 (Proverbs 20,21)**

1. What wise advice do these chapters give about being careful in what you say?

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**Friday, August 28, 2009 (Hosea 8-14)**

1. How do these chapters parallel the lesson God taught through Hosea and Gomer in chapters 1-3?

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2. To what does 11:1 refer? (cf. Matthew 2:15)

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3. How can 11:9 and 13:7,8 both be true?

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**Saturday, August 29, 2009 (John 10-12)**

1. How is Jesus the best Shepherd we could ever have? (chapter 10)

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2. Why didn't the Pharisees and Jews believe, even after such clear displays of Jesus' glory in chapters 11 and 12?

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3. How did Jesus respond to the Greeks' request, "We would like to see Jesus"? (12:21)

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**Sunday, August 30, 2009 (2 Timothy 1,2)**

1. What warnings and encouragements did Paul give Timothy in this, his last epistle?

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2. Agree or disagree? There are some things God cannot do. (e.g. "Can God make a rock so big he can't lift it?") (chapter 2)

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**Monday, August 31, 2009 (Numbers 9-12)**

1. How did the LORD make it clear that he was Israel's leader?

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2. What can you learn about the public ministry from chapters 11 and 12?

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**Tuesday, September 1, 2009 (1 Chronicles 15-19)**

1. How does David's example encourage us regarding the use of the gifts the Lord has given us?

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2. Comment on the Messianic prophecy of chapter 17 and David's response.

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**Wednesday, September 2, 2009 (Psalms 102-104)**

1. What pictures of God's love does David use in Psalm 103?

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2. Explain: Psalm 104 is an expansion of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

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**Thursday, September 3, 2009 (Proverbs 22)**

1. "Train up a child. . ." (22:6). How much of this chapter is taught in public schools? How much can only be taught by Christian parents and teachers?

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**Friday, September 4, 2009 (John 13-15)**

1. "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin word "mandatum" which means "command." Why give it that name? (chapter 13)

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2. How did Jesus comfort his disciples in chapter 14?

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3. How does a vine and its branches illustrate well the relationship between Christ and believers? (chapter 15)

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**Sunday, September 6, 2009 (2 Timothy 3,4)**

1. What emboldens Christians to “Preach the Word”?

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2. What was Paul’s attitude toward his impending death?

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**Monday, September 7, 2009 (Numbers 13-16)**

1. Why would the Lord have Moses send spies into the land of Canaan? (chapters 13, 14)

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2. How does Moses show himself to be an exemplary leader in chapter 14?

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3. Reconcile the events recorded in chapters 15 and 16 with the truth that God is love.

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**Tuesday, September 8, 2009 (1 Chronicles 20-24)**

1. Comment on David as a leader from chapters 21 and 22.

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2. What can we learn from the organizational plan that David put in place? (chapters 23 and 24)

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**Wednesday, September 9, 2009 (Psalms 105-107)**

1. These psalms highlight the importance of studying Bible stories. In what ways?

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**Thursday, September 10, 2009 (Proverbs 23, 24)**

1. Pick out the commandments which the proverbs in chapter 23 apply.

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2. Evaluate: Those who submit to the wisdom of the proverbs will have a better life than those who don't. (chapter 24)

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**Friday, September 11, 2009 (Amos 1-4)**

1. Why does the prophet Amos first speak about judgment on Israel's neighbors before addressing Israel? (chapters 1 and 2)

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2. Pick out the charges leveled against Israel in chapters 2 through 4.

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**Saturday, September 12, 2009 (John 16-18)**

1. What comfort does Jesus offer to his disciples in chapter 16?

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2. Demonstrate how Jesus carried out each aspect of his three-fold office (Prophet, Priest, and King) in chapters 17 and 18.

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**Sunday, September 13, 2009 (Titus)**

1. What challenges does the Apostle suggest that Titus will face in carrying out his work? (chapter 1)

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2. How does St. Paul connect justification and sanctification in chapters 2 and 3? (*What does that have to do with the work of public ministry assigned to Titus?*)

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**Monday, September 14, 2009 (Numbers 17-20)**

1. How did the Lord demonstrate to his people the importance of the priesthood? (chapters 17,18)

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2. What lessons can be learned from the opening section of chapter 20?

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**Tuesday, September 15, 2009 (1 Chronicles 25-29)**

1. How did David assist with the building of the temple? (chapters 28 and 29)

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2. Pick out some important truths regarding our offerings recorded in chapter 29.

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**Wednesday, September 16, 2009 (Psalms 108-110)**

1. With what confidence can God's people face their enemies? (Psalms 108 and 109)

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2. How is Psalm 110 fulfilled in Jesus?

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**Thursday, September 17, 2009 (Proverbs 25)**

1. What do these proverbs teach about the use of the tongue?

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**Friday, September 18, 2009 (Amos 5-9)**

1. Evaluate, in light of the final section of chapter 5: We should not look forward to Judgment Day.

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2. How did Israel's pride show itself? What were the consequences? (chapters 6-8)

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3. What comfort does the Lord offer in the closing chapter of the book of Amos?

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**Saturday, September 19, 2009 (John 19-21)**

1. Comment on Jesus' response to Pontius Pilate in 19:11.

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2. What unique additions to the account of the crucifixion does St. John provide in chapter 19?

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3. Why did Jesus appear to his disciples several times after his resurrection? (chapters 20 and 21)

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**Sunday, September 20, 2009 (Philemon)**

1. Dr. Luther described the Apostle Paul "as a Christ to Onesimus." What do you think he meant?

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2. How does St. Paul, in this letter, set an excellent example for Christians of all ages?

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**Monday, September 21, 2009 (Numbers 21-24)**

1. Evaluate Balaam's attitude and actions in these chapters.

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2. What messages did the Lord give to Balak through Balaam's oracles? (chapters 23 and 24)

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**Tuesday, September 22, 2009 (2 Chronicles 1-5)**

1. Solomon approached his kingship and the building of the temple in the right way. Explain. (chapters 1-3)

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2. What important spiritual truths did the temple and its furnishings teach? (chapters 3-5)

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**Wednesday, September 23, 2009 (Psalms 111-113)**

1. How does the Lord show himself to be in a class by himself? (Psalms 111, 113)

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2. What blessings does the Lord give to those who fear him? (Psalms 111, 112)

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**Thursday, September 24, 2009 (Proverbs 26, 27)**

1. How will humility show itself in the life of a child of God?

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**Friday, September 25, 2009 (Joel)**

1. Evaluate: God's love was behind the invasion of locusts mentioned in chapters 1 and 2.

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2. The phrase "Day of the Lord" plays an important role in this book. What is the significance of the term?

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3. With what confidence should the people return to the Lord in repentance? (chapters 2 and 3)

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**Saturday, September 26, 2009 (Acts 1, 2)**

1. Trace the mission plan laid out by Jesus in the opening section of chapter one.

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2. Comment on the appointment/election of a replacement for Judas. (chapter 1)

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3. How does chapter two depict the work of the Holy Spirit?

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**Sunday, September 27, 2009 (Hebrews 1-4)**

1. How does the writer to the Hebrews point out the superiority of Christ in chapter one?

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2. Jesus is the perfect high priest. In what ways? (chapter 2)

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3. How does the writer to the Hebrews, in chapters three and four, finish this thought? "Since Jesus is greater than Moses, . . ."

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**Monday, September 28, 2009 (Numbers 25-28)**

1. What attributes of God are emphasized by the account in chapter 25?

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2. Why did the Lord have this second census taken? (chapter 26)

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3. How does Moses show himself to be a strong leader in chapter 27?

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4. What blessings did the Lord intend for his people through the ceremonial laws given in chapter 28?

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**Tuesday, September 29, 2009 (2 Chronicles 6-10)**

1. What can you learn for your prayer life from Solomon's prayer of dedication? (chapter 6)

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2. Why does the Lord include so much detail about Solomon's wisdom and wealth? (chapter 9)

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**Wednesday, September 30, 2009 (Psalms 114-116)**

1. What reasons do Psalms 114 and 115 give to tremble before the Lord?

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2. How is the life of a Christian summarized in Psalm 116?

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**Thursday, October 1, 2009 (Proverbs 28)**

1. Pick out verses that teach the proper approach to wealth and possessions.

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**Friday, October 2, 2009 (Obadiah and Jonah)**

1. Where, in the prophecy of Obadiah, do you find words of judgment? What are the words of promise?

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2. Make a list of the miracles recorded in the book of Jonah.

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3. Why did Jonah flee from the Lord? (chapters 1 and 4)

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4. What important truths should we learn from the book of Jonah?

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**Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Acts 3, 4)**

1. Demonstrate, from these chapters, that Peter and John understood their role as apostles.

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2. How does the believers' prayer in 4:23-30 help us to understand the crucifixion of Christ properly?

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3. Point out signs of growth in the church shown in these two chapters.

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**Sunday, October 4, 2009 (Hebrews 5-7)**

1. What symptoms of spiritual laziness does the writer point out in chapters five and six?

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2. Pick out, in these chapters, ways in which Jesus is a greater high priest than any of those who served as priests in Israel.

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**Monday, October 5, 2009 (Numbers 29-32)**

1. What was the Lord teaching his people by establishing "a calendar for the church year"? (chapter 29)

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2. Why would the Lord make some vows binding and others not? (chapter 30)

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3. Why did God direct Moses to go to war against the Midianites? (chapter 31)

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**Tuesday, October 6, 2009 (2 Chronicles 11-15)**

1. Evaluate Rehoboam's reign as king in Judah. (chapters 11 and 12)

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2. What encouragement does chapter 13 offer to all faithful workers in the kingdom?

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3. How did the Lord use King Asa for his good purposes? (chapter 14)

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**Wednesday, October 7, 2009 (Psalms 117, 118)**

1. Psalm 118, the last psalm of the Passover Hallel, may have been the last hymn that Jesus and the apostles sang on Maundy Thursday evening. Pick out the Messianic fulfillments of this psalm.

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**Thursday, October 8, 2009 (Proverbs 29, 30)**

1. How do you find the promise of 29:23 being fulfilled?

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2. For what do the words of chapter 30 lead you to pray?

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**Friday, October 9, 2009 (Micah)**

1. Pick out words of judgment and words of comfort in the first two chapters.

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2. What charges does the Lord level against the leaders of the people of Israel? (chapter 3)

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3. How were/are the promises of chapters four and five fulfilled?

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4. How does the Lord define true worship? (chapters 6 and 7)

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**Saturday, October 10, 2009 (Acts 5,6)**

1. Why would the Lord put Ananias and Sapphira to death? (chapter 5)

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2. How do the apostles serve as a great example for us in the closing section of chapter 5?

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3. The closing section of chapter six portrays the reality of life for the Christian witness. In what ways?

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**Sunday, October 11, 2009 (Hebrews 8-10)**

1. Compare and contrast the old covenant and the new covenant. (chapter 8)

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2. How does chapter nine help us to understand the sacrifices commanded by God in the Old Testament?

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3. With thoughts suggested by chapter ten, finish this sentence: "Since Jesus is our great high priest, . . ."

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**Monday, October 12, 2009 (Numbers 33-36)**

1. What important instructions did the Lord give to his people about occupying the land of Canaan? (chapter 33)

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2. What was the Lord teaching the people of Israel with the regulations about the cities of refuge? (chapter 35)

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**Tuesday, October 13, 2009 (2 Chronicles 16-20)**

1. How does chapter 16 serve as a warning for us?

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2. Explain: "So now the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouths of these prophets of yours." (18:22)

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3. What lessons can we learn from chapter 20?

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**Wednesday, October 14, 2009 (Psalm 119)**

1. Psalm 119 serves as a song of praise to God for his Word. In what ways?

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2. How does a child of God view the Word of God?

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**Thursday, October 15, 2009 (Proverbs 31)**

1. How does this definition of the ideal wife differ from that of the world?

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**Friday, October 16, 2009 (Nahum)**

1. What attributes of God are emphasized in the first two chapters?

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2. What comforting truths about the Lord's government does this book teach?

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**Saturday, October 17, 2009 (Acts 7, 8)**

1. Why did Stephen, instead of directly answering the question posed to him, launch into such a lengthy discourse? (chapter 7)

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2. In what ways does Stephen offer a great example for us? (chapter 7)

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3. How is the account of Simon the sorcerer misused? (chapter 8)

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**Sunday, October 18, 2009 (Hebrews 11-13)**

1. Why does the Lord provide this great "Hall of Faith" chapter? (chapter 11)

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2. How could you use the thoughts of the opening section of chapter 12 in talking to a fellow believer who is suffering?

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3. In the final chapter the writer to the Hebrews applies many of the commandments to daily life. Pick out the commandments applied.

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**Monday, October 19, 2009 (Deuteronomy 1-3)**

1. The name "Deuteronomy" means "second law." What's the point?

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2. How does Moses "cut to the chase" in the opening chapter?

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3. How does the last part of chapter three impact the rest of the book?

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**Tuesday, October 20, 2009 (2 Chronicles 21-24)**

1. Demonstrate, from chapters 21 through 23, the Lord's control over all things, even evil.

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2. What lessons can be learned from the account of Joash in chapter 24?

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**Wednesday, October 21, 2009 (Psalms 120, 121)**

1. A portion of Psalm 121 was, at one time, used in the baptismal rite. Why is that particularly fitting?

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**Thursday, October 22, 2009 (Ecclesiastes 1, 2)**

1. What "heavy burden" has God "laid on men"? (chapter 1)

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2. Make a list of the pursuits that the Teacher suggests are intrinsically meaningless. (chapter 2)

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3. What does the Teacher suggest that we do instead of pursuing the pleasures and accomplishments of this world? (chapter 2)

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**Friday, October 23, 2009 (Habakkuk)**

1. What is the prophet's first complaint? How does the Lord answer it?

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2. What is the prophet's second complaint? How does the Lord answer it?

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3. What counsel does this prophecy offer to those who have questions about God's government of the world?

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**Saturday, October 24, 2009 (Acts 9, 10)**

1. Demonstrate, from chapter nine, that God both protects his church and extends his kingdom.

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2. Explain: Chapter ten reveals radical truths that would have a major impact on the church.

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**Sunday, October 25, 2009 (James 1-3)**

1. Using examples from chapter one, show how Christians look at things differently than unbelievers.

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2. Reconcile James 2:24 with Romans 3:28.

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3. Finish this sentence: "We use our tongues properly when . . ." (chapter 3)

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**Monday, October 26, 2009 (Deuteronomy 4-6)**

1. Pick out the reasons Moses offers for the people to obey the commands of the Lord. (chapter 4)

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2. Moses repeatedly, in his final addresses to the people of Israel, says, "Be careful." Why was that such important direction?

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3. What responsibility beyond personal obedience to the commandments does the Lord give to his people through Moses? (chapter 6)

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**Tuesday, October 27, 2009 (2 Chronicles 25-28)**

1. How might you use the examples in chapter 25 to teach the Third Commandment?

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2. What warning does chapter 26 sound?

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3. Compare and contrast the reigns of Jotham and Ahaz. (chapters 27, 28)

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**Wednesday, October 28, 2009 (Psalms 122-124)**

1. What do these three psalms have in common?

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**Thursday, October 29, 2009 (Ecclesiastes 3, 4)**

1. What does the Teacher suggest that the thoughtful person could conclude from observing the ebb and flow of life in this world? (chapter 3)

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2. How should a Christian view advancement and achievement? (chapter 4)

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**Friday, October 30, 2009 (Zephaniah)**

1. What faulty ideas, held by his people and by the nations surrounding Judah, does the Lord dismiss in the first two chapters of this prophecy?

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2. Jerusalem was a city of contrasts. Explain, on the basis of the opening verses of chapter three.

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3. How does the Lord comfort the faithful remnant? (chapter 3)

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**Saturday, October 31, 2009 (Acts 11, 12)**

1. Mission work always follows the same pattern. Explain. (chapter 11)

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2. What lessons should we take from the accounts in chapter 12?

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**Sunday, November 1, 2009 (James 4, 5)**

1. How is humility to show itself in the Christian's heart and life? (chapter 4)

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2. How is the wisdom presented in chapter five entirely different than the wisdom of the world?

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**Monday, November 2, 2009 (Deuteronomy 7-9)**

1. What compelling reasons does Moses offer for the Israelites to destroy the Canaanites? (chapter 7)

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2. Sections of chapter eight are regularly appointed for Thanksgiving celebrations. Why?

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3. What truths is Moses emphasizing in chapter nine? Why does he emphasize them?

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**Tuesday, November 3, 2009 (2 Chronicles 29-32)**

1. Evaluate: Hezekiah was a great reformer.

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2. Apply the lessons of the opening section of chapter 32 to the work that the Lord has given to his New Testament church.

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**Wednesday, November 4, 2009 (Psalms 125-127)**

1. Apply the truths of Psalm 127 to family life and church life.

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**Thursday, November 5, 2009 (Ecclesiastes 5, 6)**

1. What faulty ideas about wealth does the Teacher reject?

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**Friday, November 6, 2009 (Haggai)**

1. Why had the people of Judah not rebuilt the temple? (chapter 1)

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2. What encouragement did the Lord offer his people in rebuilding the temple? (chapter 2)

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**Saturday, November 7, 2009 (Acts 13, 14)**

1. Comment on the beginning of the first mission journey. (chapter 13)

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2. What can we learn from Paul and Barnabas for our work as witnesses of Christ? (chapter 14)

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**Sunday, November 8, 2009 (1 Peter 1-3)**

1. What counsel/comfort/encouragement does the Apostle Peter offer to those who are suffering for the Christian faith? (chapter 1)

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2. How do God's people view life differently than the pagans? (chapter 2)

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3. What does chapter three teach about our Christian witness?

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**Monday, November 9, 2009 (Deuteronomy 10-12)**

1. How did the Lord demonstrate, in chapters ten and eleven, that he had restored the covenant the people of Israel had broken?

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2. Why was the Lord so adamant about the commands he gave in chapter twelve?

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**Tuesday, November 10, 2009 (2 Chronicles 33-36)**

1. Compare King Manasseh with his father, Hezekiah. What lessons can be learned? (chapter 33)

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2. The Lord always raises up men to preserve his church. Use the account of Josiah to demonstrate the truth of that statement. (chapters 34 and 35)

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3. God always does what he says he will do. Find proof of that in chapter 36.

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**Wednesday, November 11, 2009 (Psalms 128-130)**

1. Evaluate: Fear the Lord and you will be prosperous. (Psalm 128)

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2. The Teacher said that "there is nothing new under the sun." How is the situation described in Psalms 129 and 130 similar to the church today?

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**Thursday, November 12, 2009 (Ecclesiastes 7, 8)**

1. Pick out verses in chapter seven that disagree with the wisdom of this world.

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2. Evaluate: Human beings will never be able to understand why things happen as they do. (chapter 8)

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**Friday, November 13, 2009 (Zechariah 1-7)**

1. Zechariah saw eight visions in one night. The first three visions go together. What message did the Lord want to give his people through those three visions? (chapters 1 and 2)

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2. What's the common thought in visions four and five? (chapters 3 and 4)

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3. How are visions six to eight connected? (chapters 5 and 6)

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4. What warning does chapter seven sound for us?

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**Saturday, November 14, 2009 (Acts 15,16)**

1. Reconcile the apostles' decision "not to make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God" with the list of items the Gentiles were to avoid. (chapter 15)

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2. List the miracles recorded in chapter 16.

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**Sunday, November 15, 2009 (1 Peter 4,5)**

1. What impact is the Savior's imminent return to have on the lives of his people? (chapter 4)

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2. Why do we so need to hear St. Peter's direction to "be self-controlled and alert"? (chapter 5)

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**Monday, November 16, 2009 (Deuteronomy 13-15)**

1. Evaluate: The Lord deputized his people to be the "false doctrine police." (chapter 13)

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2. How did the Lord apply the two tables of the Law in the directions he gave in chapter 15?

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**Tuesday, November 17, 2009 (Ezra 1-5)**

1. Why did Cyrus decide to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem? (chapter 1)

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2. What problems did the people face in rebuilding the temple? (chapters 3-5)

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**Wednesday, November 18, 2009 (Psalms 131-133)**

1. What brings joy to the people of God, according to these psalms?

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**Thursday, November 19, 2009 (Ecclesiastes 9,10)**

1. Evaluate this summary of the Teacher's thoughts in chapter nine: "Live life to the fullest; live each day as if it were your last."

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2. Pick out applications of the Fourth Commandment in chapter ten.

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**Friday, November 20, 2009 (Zechariah 8-14)**

1. What promises does the Lord make in chapter eight to encourage the people in rebuilding Jerusalem?

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2. How is the Messiah different from, and greater than, the kings of Judah and Israel? (chapter 9)

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3. Zechariah is known as the prophet of Holy Week. Why? (chapters 9-13)

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4. How are the promises of chapter 14 fulfilled?

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**Saturday, November 21, 2009 (Acts 17,18)**

1. What can you learn about witnessing from the Apostle's address to the people in Athens? (chapter 17)

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2. Demonstrate, from chapter 18, that the Lord has different roles for all of his people to play in the proclamation of the gospel.

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**Sunday, November 22, 2009 (2 Peter)**

1. Connect Peter's encouragement in the first section of chapter one with the teaching in the second half of the chapter.

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2. What important truths about false prophets does the Apostle Peter teach in chapter two?

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3. How is the Lord's return to impact the lives of the people of God? (chapter 3)

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**Monday, November 23, 2009 (Deuteronomy 16-19)**

1. What were the Lord's requirements for the men who would serve as kings of Israel? Why did he make such requirements? (chapter 17)

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2. How is the Messianic prophecy of Deuteronomy 18 fulfilled in Jesus?

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3. Respond to the person who suggests that "the 'eye for eye, tooth for tooth' God of the Old Testament is much different than the God of the New Testament." (chapter 19)

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**Tuesday, November 24, 2009 (Ezra 6-10)**

1. How does the Lord's governance show itself in chapters six through eight?

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2. Comment on Ezra's response to the sin of the people of Judah. (chapters 9 and 10)

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3. Reconcile God's hatred of divorce with the actions taken by the people of Judah. (chapter 10)

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**Wednesday, November 25, 2009 (Psalms 134-136)**

1. "His love endures forever" summarizes the history of the people of God. In what ways?

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**Thursday, November 26, 2009 (Ecclesiastes 11,12)**

1. What does the Teacher encourage his readers to do in every stage of life? (chapters 11 and 12)

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**Friday, November 27, 2009 (Malachi)**

1. How did the arrogance of the people of Judah show itself? (chapters 1-3)

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2. How does the Lord demonstrate his grace in chapters three and four?

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**Saturday, November 28, 2009 (Acts 19,20)**

1. Why did St. Paul stay so long in Ephesus? (chapter 19)

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2. What do the Apostle's words to the Ephesian elders teach about public ministry? (chapter 20)

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**Sunday, November 29, 2009 (1 John 1-3)**

1. What are some defining characteristics of a Christian mentioned in the first two chapters of this letter?

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2. Evaluate: We can see in our good works proof that we are the children of God. (chapter 3)

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**Monday, November 30, 2009 (Deuteronomy 20-22)**

1. Why did Moses give such detailed instructions about going to war? (chapter 20)

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2. What foreshadowings of Christ do you find in chapter 21?

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3. Do you see any significance to the detailed instructions that Moses offers in this farewell address? (chapter 22)

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**Tuesday, December 1, 2009 (Nehemiah 1-4)**

1. How does Nehemiah's prayer in chapter one serve as a model for us?

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2. Demonstrate from chapter two: "Planning and prayer go together."

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3. What do chapters three and four teach us about how to respond to persecution as we carry out the Lord's work?

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**Wednesday, December 2, 2009 (Psalms 137-139)**

1. How does Psalm 138 flesh out The Second Petition, "Thy kingdom come"?

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2. Pick out the attributes of God mentioned in Psalm 139 and their application to our lives as the people of God.

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**Thursday, December 3, 2009 (Song of Songs 1,2)**

1. Taken literally, what valuable lessons do these chapters teach about relationships?

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2. Taken allegorically, how do these chapters portray the relationship between Christ and his Church?

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**Friday, December 4, 2009 (Revelation 1-6)**

1. How would the picture of Jesus in the opening chapter bring comfort to those suffering for their Christian confession?

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2. Compare and contrast the letters to the seven churches. (chapters 2 and 3)

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3. How would chapters four and five have encouraged God's people suffering persecution?

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4. The horses in the vision in chapter six ride throughout history. What do they picture?

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**Saturday, December 5, 2009 (Acts 21, 22)**

1. Evaluate: The Apostle Paul was testing the Lord by refusing to heed the warnings given about going to Jerusalem. (chapter 21)

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2. Why did the Jews in Jerusalem have such intense hatred for Paul that they wanted him dead? (chapter 22)

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**Sunday, December 6, 2009 (1 John 4, 5)**

1. Why, and how, do we “test the spirits”? (chapter 4)

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2. How does the Apostle define love? How is God’s love different from our love? (chapter 4)

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3. On the basis of 1 John 5:16,17, one could make a distinction between mortal and venial sins. What is the distinction? (*What isn’t the distinction?*)

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**Monday, December 7, 2009 (Deuteronomy 23-25)**

1. Why was God so concerned with uncleanness in the camp? (chapter 23)

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2. Evaluate: The people of Israel had greater respect for human life and well-being than citizens of the United States. (chapters 24 and 25)

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**Tuesday, December 8, 2009 (Nehemiah 5-9)**

1. List the problems with which Nehemiah had to deal in chapters five and six.

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2. How do chapters eight and nine demonstrate the truthfulness of the Lord's promise in Isaiah 55: "My word will not return to me empty."

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**Wednesday, December 9, 2009 (Psalm 140-142)**

1. What drives David to pray for evil to come to his enemies? (Psalms 140 and 141)

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**Thursday, December 10, 2009 (Song of Songs 3, 4)**

1. Comment on the advice given in 3:5: "Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires."

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2. How does chapter four answer those who contend that sexual relations are exclusively for procreation?

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**Friday, December 11, 2009 (Revelation 7-11)**

1. Respond to the person who says that there will be just 144,000 with the Lord. (chapter 7)

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2. If the seven trumpets picture false doctrine, what can we expect from its spread? (chapters 8, 9)

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3. Chapter eleven provides an overview of the history of the New Testament church. Explain.

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**Saturday, December 12, 2009 (Acts 23, 24)**

1. How did the Lord protect his messenger? (chapter 23)

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2. How did Paul show himself to be a faithful witness of Christ in his dealings with Felix? (chapter 24)

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**Sunday, December 13, 2009 (2 John)**

1. What does this letter teach about the proper practice of fellowship?

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2. How does John demonstrate pastoral tact and concern in this letter?

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**Monday, December 14, 2009 (Deuteronomy 26-28)**

1. Why would the Lord prescribe the words to say at the presentation of a gift? (chapter 26)

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2. Why did the Lord present such an extensive list of blessings and curses? (chapters 27 and 28)

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**Tuesday, December 15, 2009 (Nehemiah 10-13)**

1. Why did Nehemiah have the people make the binding agreement mentioned in chapter ten?

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2. What does chapter thirteen teach about the work of reformation?

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**Wednesday, December 16, 2009 (Psalms 143-145)**

1. Psalm 143 is one of seven penitential psalms. How does it model the penitent heart?

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2. Find, in Psalm 145, the three articles of the Apostles' Creed.

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**Thursday, December 17, 2009 (Song of Songs 5, 6)**

1. What does chapter five picture happening in marriage, whether physical or spiritual?

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2. How do the Lover's words in this chapter reveal the faithfulness of the Lord?

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**Friday, December 18, 2009 (Revelation 12-17)**

1. What does chapter twelve teach about the devil?

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2. Who are the beasts mentioned in chapter 13 and how do they work with the devil?

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3. How does the Lord, in chapters 14 and 15, encourage patient endurance in his people?

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4. The seven bowls poured out in chapter 16 represent the many different false teachings that arise. What impact do those false teachings have?

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**Saturday, December 19, 2009 (Acts 25, 26)**

1. Evaluate: The Apostle made a tactical error by appealing to Caesar.

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2. What can we learn about witnessing from St. Paul's words to Agrippa and Festus? (chapter 26)

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**Sunday, December 20, 2009 (3 John)**

1. How is love for the truth of God's Word to show itself? (Use both the positive and negative examples of this book.)

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**Monday, December 21, 2009 (Deuteronomy 29-31)**

1. Reconcile Moses' appeal to the people of Israel to choose life with the teaching of mankind's natural depravity. (chapters 29 and 30)

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2. How did Moses show himself to be a faithful servant in chapter 31?

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**Tuesday, December 22, 2009 (Esther 1-5)**

1. Why would a book that does not include the name of God be included in the Scriptures? (4:14)

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2. How does Esther's humble and gentle spirit show itself in these chapters?

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**Wednesday, December 23, 2009 (Psalms 146-148)**

1. Explain: The psalmist addresses the futility of trusting in men and the wisdom of trusting in the Lord. (Psalm 146)

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2. How might you use the thoughts of 147:10,11 in encouraging a fellow believer or witnessing to an unbeliever?

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**Thursday, December 24, 2009 (Song of Songs 7, 8)**

1. What do these chapters reveal about the relationship between husband and wife? What do they reveal about the relationship between Christ and the church?

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**Friday, December 25, 2009 (Revelation 18-22)**

1. What does the Lord teach about the apostate church in chapter 18?

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2. What reasons for rejoicing does the Lord give in chapter 19?

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3. How would you respond to those who claim, on the basis of chapter 20, that Jesus will return and reign visibly on earth for a thousand years?

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4. List some of the ways in which our eternal home is described. (chapters 21 and 22)

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**Saturday, December 26, 2009 (Acts 27, 28)**

1. Demonstrate, from these chapters, that the Lord uses natural and supernatural means both to preserve his people and to promote the proclamation of the gospel.

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2. How does the Apostle's passion for souls show itself in these closing chapters?

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**Sunday, December 27, 2009 (Jude)**

1. How does this letter teach us to look at the work of false teachers?

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2. What wisdom do the closing verses of the book offer to us as we live in the final days of the world?

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**Monday, December 28, 2009 (Deuteronomy 32-34)**

1. What evidence do you find of Moses' love for the people of Israel? (chapters 32 and 33)

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2. Why would the Lord bury Moses himself? (chapter 34)

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**Tuesday, December 29, 2009 (Esther 6-10)**

1. What comforting truths about the Lord's rule do these chapters reveal?

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**Wednesday, December 30, 2009 (Psalms 149,150)**

1. What reasons does Psalm 149 give to praise the Lord?

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*To God be the glory!*