





## Questions for Your Journal

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Use these following questions to evaluate what you learned from **Sunday's sermon**.

### Summary:

- The main thing the speaker wants me to do, be, and/or feel as a result of this message.

### Application to My Life:

- What did God say to me through this message?
  - How does my life measure up to this word?
  - What action(s) will I take to bring my life in line with this word?
  - What truth do I need to study further?
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## Don't Give Up on Your Bible Reading!

Last week we began a church-wide reading plan through the New Testament in 91 days. We believe that reflecting on God's Word is the primary way to put ourselves in the position to be changed by God, and we want to challenge ourselves to go deeper with Him than ever before. So let me ask you – are you up to date on your reading plan, or have you fallen behind? Either way, don't give up on your Bible reading, it's too important!

Here are a few encouragements to keep you going for the next 84 days.

- 1. Don't start a No-Bible Streak.** We all miss a day in Scripture from time to time, but it's those streaks of days without reading the Bible that are really dangerous. They get us into a pattern of not reading Scripture and, depending on how long the slump is, they make it harder to get started again. Make a commitment to never go two days in a row without reading Scripture!
- 2. Set aside a dedicated time and place for Bible reading.** We face countless distractions when we sit down to read Scripture, but we can protect against them by setting aside a special time and place for Bible reading. Maybe the best time for you is early in the morning, or late at night, or during your lunch break. Whenever it is plan it and protect it!
- 3. Think about your Bible-reading throughout the day.** It's easy to read the Bible – especially when we're reading in bigger chunks – and go on with our day without letting it change us. When we do that we fail to see the impact daily Bible-reading can have in our lives.

Instead, we should strive to find at least one verse or thought each day to make our “Motto for the Day.” Whatever that thought is, ask the Holy Spirit to help you see how it applies to the things you have planned for that day, or the way you interact with others. Meditate on it when you’re driving, eating, or daydreaming and see how God will use it to transform you!

## Encounter

Take a few minutes to read Nehemiah 1 & 2. Make a note of any differences in wording or phrasing.

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## Reflect

The book of Nehemiah opens with Nehemiah’s curiosity about the situation facing the Jews in Jerusalem (Neh. 1:1-3). Think back to Sunday’s sermon and the “compassionate curiosity” Christians are called to have.

**Read John 4:1-6. How was Jesus’s interaction with the woman at the well an example of curiosity that revealed her spiritual need?**

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Nehemiah’s first response to the news of Jerusalem’s broken walls was to seek God in prayer. Prayer is essential for faithful service to God, and Jesus often prayed alone before an important event in his ministry (e.g., Luke 6:12-19). **Read Colossians 4:2-4. What should you be praying for?**

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Nehemiah had clarity about the assignment he had received from God, he was called to rebuild the city of Jerusalem (Neh. 2:4–5). Do you have that sense of clarity about your own calling? **Write out the various roles to which God has called you (e.g., disciple, spouse, parent, employee, manager). Seek clarity for those roles by looking up some Scriptures about each of them and ask God to help you be faithful to that calling.**

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When Nehemiah called the people to join in the rebuilding effort, they united around this mission (Neh. 2:18). **Read Matthew 28:19–20 & Acts 1:6–8. What mission has God called us to? How can you unite with others in it? How can our church be united in this mission?**

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## **Examine**

Based on 2 Timothy 3:16 (“*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness*”), this series of questions is intended to help you figure out what you should do or believe in response to this text. (*This passage may not have a clear answer for each question. Just use them to prompt your thinking.*)

### **1. What does this passage tell me to believe?**

*(How does it teach me?)*

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### **2. What does this passage tell me not to believe?**

*(How does it reprove me?)*

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**3. How does this passage tell me not to live?**

*(How does it correct me?)*

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**4. How does this passage tell me to live?**

*(How does it train me in righteousness?)*

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**Embrace**

After spending significant time with this passage, you've probably learned a lot and heard God speak to you through His Word. Look back at your responses to the previous questions and ask God to show you how you can respond to this text this week.

**Write down some ideas for how you can respond to the truth of God's Word.**

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**About The Map**  
The Map exists to help you consistently reflect on Scripture as you pursue maturity in Christ. When you devote yourself to reading God's Word, and meditate on what you read, you're allowing Him to shape your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.



## Disciple-Making Guide

Kids Kindergarten through 6th grade receive Adventure Tokens for for discipleship activities completed during the week. They can spend them at the Adventure Store on the last Sunday of the month.

### Big Picture Questions for Unit 22: "Jesus the Storyteller"

**Preschool:** Question: *Why did Jesus tell stories?*  
Answer: *Jesus told stories to teach people about God.*

**Kids (1-6 grade):** Question: *Why did Jesus tell parables?*  
Answer: *Jesus told parables to teach people about God and His kingdom..*

### This Week's Family Reading Plan

**for Preschoolers:** *Poetry and Wisdom\**

**Day 1:** *Zephaniah 1*

**Day 2:** *Zephaniah 2*

**Day 3:** *Zephaniah 3*

**Day 4:** *2 Kings 22*

**Day 5:** *2 Kings 23:1-20*

\*Preschool readings are taken from *The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories for Toddlers, Old Testament* (B&H Publishing Group), available at Amazon.com & LifeWay Christian Store.

### Key Passage for Unit 22: "Jesus the Storyteller"

**Preschoolers:** "He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them ... Then he began to teach them many things." Mark 6:34

**Kids (1-6 grade):** "He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things." Mark 6:34

Northway's Family Ministry uses *The Gospel Project* to help preschoolers, kids, and students grow in their knowledge of Scripture and of Jesus Christ, about whom it was all written (Luke 24:44-49).



### Adventure Token Coupon

*Fill this out and bring it to Bible Study for your tokens!*

I worked on learning my big picture question and key passage \_\_\_\_\_.

I read my Bible at home \_\_\_\_\_.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_.

# 34 BIBLICALBASICS

## 11 MARKERS

### A Dedicated Disciple...

1. has **Trusted Christ** as the Leader & Forgiver of their lives.
2. has publicly identified their life with Christ through **Biblical Baptism**.
3. is cultivating the Spirit-controlled life through daily repentance, consistent prayer, reading/meditating on Scripture, and other **Spiritual Practices**.
4. is faithfully attending weekly **Corporate Worship** gatherings.
5. is devoted to **Generous Living**, faithfully giving of their time, talent, treasures, tithes & offerings.
6. is building a **God-Centered Home** by practicing Family Discipleship through regular prayer, bible reading, serving, hospitality & participating in church life.
7. is a member of a **Small Group**, sharing & caring in deep fellowship with God's people.
8. is regularly engaging in **Relational Evangelism**, sharing their faith with others and inviting them to Corporate Worship gatherings.
9. lives a life that is increasingly characterized by the selfless, sacrificial, **Servant Lifestyle** modeled by Christ.
10. serves through giftedness within the church on **Ministry Teams**.
11. is involved in **Serving Outside** the church, such as short term mission trips, local service projects, compassion/justice initiatives, etc.

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## 10 COREBELIEFS

1. **Salvation by Grace** - Eph. 2:8-9
2. **Identity in Christ** - John 1:12
3. **Personal God** - Psalm 121:1-2
4. **Trinity** - 2 Corinthians 13:14
5. **Authority of The Bible** - 2 Tim 3:16-17
6. **Humanity** - John 3:16
7. **Eternity** - John 14:1-4
8. **The Church** - Eph. 4:15-16
9. **Compassion** - Psalm 82:3-4
10. **Stewardship** - 1 Tim. 6:17-19

## 13 COREVIRTUES

1. **God-Centered Thinking** - Matt. 6:33
2. **Integrity/Holiness** - Psalm 119:1
3. **Faithfulness** - Proverbs 3:3-4
4. **Self-Control** - Titus 2:11-13
5. **Joy** - John 15:11
6. **Peace** - Philippians 4:6-7
7. **Hope** - Hebrews 6:19-20
8. **Love** - 1 John 4:10-12
9. **Patience** - Proverbs 14:29
10. **Gentleness** - Philippians 4:5
11. **Kindness/Goodness** - 1 Thess. 5:15
12. **Humility** - Philippians 2:3-4
13. **Gratitude** - 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Developing Dedicated Disciples Who Make a Difference in the World!