

Sample Questions for Purposeful Bible Study

Job, Psalms, and the Prophets

How does this passage describe God?

- What names are used for God?
- What are God's character traits or attributes?
- Does the passage describe any aspect of God's emotions or other personality traits?
- What are God's motivations or objectives?

How does this passage describe God's relationship with mankind?

- What is God's attitude toward mankind?
- How does God describe Himself?
- What does God want us to do?

The Gospels

Who is Jesus?

- Is He divine?
- Is He human?
- Is He equal or inferior to the Father?
- Was He created?

What kind of a man was Jesus?

- Was He outgoing or private?
- What emotions did He display?
- What were His personality traits?

How Did Jesus interact with people?

- How did He treat children?
- How did He treat women?
- How did He relate to men?
- How did He interact with religious leaders?
- How did He interact with Gentiles, sinners, tax collectors, etc?

The Epistles

How does this passage describe the unsaved?

- What words are used for sin or the power of sin?
- How does it describe the relationship that unsaved people and God have?

- What is the consequence of sin for the unsaved?

How does this passage described the saved?

- What are different words use to describe believers?
- How does it describe the relationship that a saved person and God have?
- How is someone saved?
- What are the results or consequences of salvation?

Miscellaneous

- What is salvation?
- What does being “saved” mean?
- Saved from what exactly?
- Is it permanent?
- How does one “get saved”?
- What’s the role of the Law?
- What role, if any, does good works play?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What’s the role of Christ’s death?
- What is faith? What does it mean, exactly?
- What is the importance of the resurrection of Christ?

For Historical and Prophetic books

- Why and when do people pray?
- How do they pray?
- How does God respond to prayer?
- What habits sustain godly living?
- What are the early warning signs of trouble brewing?
- What mistakes do the characters make?
- What are the consequences of their failures?
- If the characters remain faithful, what tips do they have for us?
- What are the consequences of their faithfulness?