

NT and Psalms in a Year - helps

As we read the Bible, it can help to have questions in our minds as we read each chapter. These questions are designed to help those who would like to do this.

Questions to consider as you read Matthew:

Matthew tells us that Jesus is the Christ (1:16 & 2:4) who has come in fulfilment of the Old Testament promises and to establish the Kingdom of Heaven.

What does this chapter tell us about Jesus as the Christ?

What does it reveal about belonging to His Kingdom?

Questions to consider as you read Acts:

Acts recounts the unstoppable spread of the Gospel.

What does this chapter tell us about the spread of the Gospel?

What does it teach us to expect as the Gospel spreads?

Questions to consider as you read Mark:

Mark begins by telling us that he is writing the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. In Mark 1:15 Jesus proclaims, "Repent and believe the good news".

How does this chapter show us that Jesus is good news?

How can we respond to and believe what is proclaimed in each chapter?

Questions to consider as you read Romans:

Romans declares that the gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes (1:16). From 12:1, we are urged to be transformed in response to God's mercy.

What does this chapter teach us about the Gospel?

How will we pray to be transformed in response to what we read?

Questions to consider as you read Luke:

Luke wrote so that we might know the certainty of what we have been taught about Jesus (1:1-4)

What certainty / certainties are we told in this chapter about Jesus?

What will it mean to trust this certainty / these certainties today?

Questions to consider as you read 1 Corinthians:

The Corinthian church were divided on different issues.
As Paul addresses these issues he points the believers to Jesus.

What is the issue that Paul is dealing with?

How does looking to Jesus Christ help with the difficulty?

Questions to consider as you read 2 Corinthians:

Paul wrote to a church dealing with false teachers.

Paul calls the Christians in Corinth back to Christ.

What dangers of false teaching does Paul identify?

What will it mean to look to Christ?

Questions to consider as you read Psalms:

Psalm 1 speaks of the blessing that comes when we delight in God's Word; meditate on it (consider it carefully); and go the Lord's way and not the way of those who oppose God.

What does this Psalm teach me about God and point me to Jesus?

What verse can I consider carefully throughout today?

Questions to consider as you read Galatians:

Paul wrote to deal with false teaching against the truth that Christians are justified (made right with God) solely by faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross

What does this teach us about the true Gospel of Christ?

How does this help us to live by faith in Christ and all He has done for His people?

Questions to consider as you read Ephesians:

Jesus had brought together believers from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds in Ephesus.

What great things do all believers share "in Christ"?

How can we pray for each others as we live together in His church?

Questions to consider as you read Philippians:

Paul desires that 'whatever happens' that Christians would live 'in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ' (1:27)

What does this chapter teach about being in Gospel partnership with other believers?

How does it help us to pray for other believers?

Questions to consider as you read Colossians:

False teachers in Colossae suggested that believers needed more than Jesus to live the Christian life. Paul shows that Jesus is all we need. Chapter 2:6 & 7 are key verses.

What truths reveal that we have all we need in Jesus?

What will you pray about to encourage yourself and others to trust in the sufficiency of Jesus?

Questions to consider as you read John:

John wrote his gospel so that we might have life by believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (20:31)

What does this chapter teach about the life that Jesus gives?

What will this mean for the way we live trusting Him?

Questions to consider as you read 1 & 2 Thessalonians:

Paul reminds the Thessalonian Christians of key things he has taught them. This is to enable them to live by faith in Christ until He returns.

How does each chapter relate to the certainty of the return of the Lord?

How will this chapter encourage us in our daily lives now in the light of His return?

Questions to consider as you read 1 Timothy:

The church is described as the 'pillar and foundation of the truth' (3:14 & 15). Its task is to hold up the truth and hold to it firmly.

What truth are we encouraged us to hold firm to & hold up for others to see?

How can we pray that we would do this as a church?

Questions to consider as you read 2 Timothy:

The truth of the Gospel is constantly under threat. Paul reminds Timothy of the importance of guarding the Gospel by faithfully passing it on to others.

What potential danger(s) is / are highlighted in this chapter?

What answers to these dangers are provided in 2 Timothy?

Questions to consider as you read Titus:

Paul gave Titus instructions on how to encourage those redeemed by Jesus to live devoting themselves to doing good.

What does this teach chapter reveal about the importance of teaching?

How will the truth taught here affect the way we live?

Questions to consider as you read Philemon:

Paul wrote to Philemon to urge him to forgive Onesimus (who had once been Philemon's slave, had then run away, been converted and was now returning to Philemon).

What does this teach us about why and how we can forgive fellow Christians?

Questions to consider as you read Hebrews:

This is written to Christians from a Jewish background. The writer is concerned that they are drifting away from trusting Christ and urges them to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus.

What does each chapter teach us about Jesus?

What will it mean to keep our thoughts on Him?

Questions to consider as you read James:

James is concerned that his readers are wandering from the truth by reminding them of the wisdom that comes only from heaven

What does this teach us about the wisdom that comes from heaven?

What will it mean to live out the teaching of this chapter today?

Questions to consider as you read 1 Peter:

Peter wrote to Christians facing all sorts of trials, reminding them that difficulties are part of the normal Christian life and urging them to live in the light of the certain hope they have.

What encouragement do we find in this chapter?

What does this chapter teach us about God's grace?

Questions to consider as you read 2 Peter:

Peter wrote his second letter to stimulate his readers to wholesome thinking (3:1)

What key truth is in each chapter?

How does this truth help us to think in a way that is 'wholesome'?

Questions to consider as you read 1 John, 2 John & 3 John:

John's letters are full of love and a desire that believers would be assured they have eternal life.

What assurance and encouragement do we find in this chapter?

How does this chapter prompt us to pray?

Questions to consider as you read Jude:

Jude writes to urge his readers to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints

Why is Jude's message so important?

How will it help you particularly today?

Questions to consider as you read Revelation:

As we read this book, let's remember that it was written to help believers who were living in a scary world – and reminding them that Jesus will triumph over all.

What is revealed that would encourage believers facing great trial?

What confidence does this give that Jesus will ultimately be seen to triumph?