

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 44/February 13

Today's Readings:

Exodus 37 & 38

Psalm 22.9-15

Proverbs 8.12-21

Matthew 26.51-75

1. Reflect on the symbolism of the Ark of the Covenant in Exodus 37. How does the concept of God's presence impact your understanding of God's nearness in your life?
2. Explore the details of the construction of the Table for the Bread of the Presence, the Lampstand, and the Altar of Incense. What do these items signify in the context of worship and relationship with God?
3. Describe the construction of the Altar of Burnt Offering and the Bronze Basin in Exodus 38. What materials were used, and what specific instructions were followed? To what do they point us forward in the New Testament?
4. What was the significance of the serving women and their willingness to give up their bronze mirrors? What are you will to give up for the glory of God?
5. Have you ever felt abandoned or in distress, similar to what the psalmist describes in Psalm 22? How can you turn to God in those moments for comfort and strength?
6. How do the psalmist's experiences in Psalm 22 relate to Christ's suffering on the Cross?

7. In Proverbs 8.12-16, wisdom personified speaks about its characteristics and benefits. What qualities of wisdom are emphasized, and how are they described?

8. Wisdom claims to hate pride, arrogance, evil ways, and perverted speech. Why are these qualities detested by wisdom, and what impact do they have on a person's spiritual growth? How have they hindered your spiritual growth?

9. Describe the events surrounding Peter's attempt to defend Jesus by cutting off the servant's ear in Matthew 26. How does Jesus respond to this action?

10. Reflect on the mock trial of Jesus before the religious leaders. How do they accuse Him, and how does Jesus respond? What do they eventually determine to use against Him?

11. Peter denies Jesus three times in this portion of Matthew 26, fulfilling Jesus' earlier prediction. How does Peter react when he realizes what he has done?

12. How does Peter's denial contrast with Judas' betrayal? What can we learn from the different responses of these two disciples to their failures?

13. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?