

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 78 - March 19

Today's Readings:

Numbers 35 & 36

Psalm 35.17-28

Proverbs 12.3

Mark 15.25-47

1. What was the purpose of the cities of refuge in Numbers 35? How does the establishment of cities of refuge emphasize the sanctity of human life?
2. Why were the Levites given specific cities to dwell in?
3. How does the concept of just laws with appropriate consequences differ from vengeance or retaliation? How do these Old Testament laws relate to our modern criminal justice system?
4. How does this chapter demonstrate God's care for His people, even in difficult situations?
5. Why were the daughters of Zelophehad concerned about their inheritance in Numbers 36? What were the concerns raised by the leaders of the clans of the Gileadites regarding the inheritance of Zelophehad's daughters?
6. What is the psalmist's plea in Psalm 35.17-28? How does the tone of the psalm shift in verses 26-28?

7. How does the psalmist's confidence in God's deliverance encourage your own faith?

8. What is the main message or lesson conveyed in Proverbs 12:3? How does the proverb describe the contrast between righteousness and wickedness?

9. What details stand out to you about the crucifixion narrative in Mark 15:25-47?

10. How do various individuals react to Jesus' crucifixion in this passage? What can we learn from the responses of the soldiers, bystanders, and religious leaders?

11. Who was Joseph of Arimathea, and what role did he play in the burial of Jesus? Why was this such a courageous act at that time?

12. Discuss the significance of the temple veil being torn in two at the moment of Jesus' death (Mark 15:38).

13. Notice the role of women in Mark 15:40-41 and Mark 15:47. How do they contribute to the narrative of Jesus' death and burial? What does their presence and participation signify about their relationship with Jesus?

14. Reflect on Jesus' call to take up the cross and follow Him (Mark 8:34). How does the crucifixion narrative deepen your understanding of this call? In what ways does this passage challenge or inspire you to live out your faith?

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