

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 88 - March 29

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 19 & 20

Psalm 38.1-8

Proverbs 12.23-25

Luke 4.31-44

1. What was the purpose of the cities of refuge described in Deuteronomy 19:1-3?
2. How does unintentional manslaughter relate to the establishment of cities of refuge?
3. What were the responsibilities of the Israelites regarding maintaining fairness in their legal system, as outlined in verses 15-21?
4. Reflect on the principle of "an eye for an eye" in verses 21. What does it mean in its context?
5. Why was it important to require multiple witnesses in legal proceedings according to verse 15?
6. Explore the idea of "purging the guilt of innocent blood" in verse 13. What does this reveal about the importance of upholding justice in society?

7. How does the establishment of cities of refuge in Deuteronomy 19 anticipate the concept of salvation through Christ?

8. How can the principles outlined in Deuteronomy 19 guide our understanding of justice, mercy, and responsibility today?

9. What instructions does Deuteronomy 20 give regarding going out to battle?

10. Reflect on the exemptions from military service outlined in verses 5-7. What do these exemptions reveal about God's concern for different aspects of life?

11. How does the concept of fear factor into the instructions for battle in verses 1-4?

12. Discuss the significance of the offer of peace before engaging in battle, as outlined in verses 10-11. What does this reveal about God's character?

13. Reflect on the instructions regarding the treatment of trees during sieges in verses 19-20. What do these instructions teach us about stewardship?

14. What emotions does the psalmist express in Psalm 38.1-2?

15. How does the psalmist describe the impact of sin on his body in verses 3-5?
16. Reflect on the concept of God's response to sin as mentioned in verse 7.
17. Consider the role of prayer in the psalmist's response to his situation.
18. Reflect on the significance of the psalmist's confession of sin in verses 18-19.
19. How can the themes of this passage apply to our own experiences of sin and seeking God's mercy?
20. Reflect on the contrast between the wise person and the foolish person as described in Proverbs 12.23.
21. How does verse 24 emphasize the value of hard work and diligence?
22. Discuss the imagery of the diligent hand leading to wealth in verse 24. What principles of stewardship and responsibility can we draw from this?
23. Reflect on the impact of anxiety and worry as described in verse 25.

24. How does verse 25 suggest that encouraging words have the power to uplift and refresh others?

25. Reflect on a time when someone's encouraging words made a difference in your life. How did it affect you?

26. How can we cultivate a habit of speaking words that build up and encourage others, as described in verse 25?

27. Reflect on the authority with which Jesus spoke and acted, as highlighted in Luke 4.32-37. What does this reveal about Him?

28. Consider Jesus' authority over evil spirits as demonstrated in this passage. What does this reveal about who He is?

29. Reflect on the significance of Jesus withdrawing to solitary places to pray, as mentioned in verse 42. What can we learn from Jesus' example of prioritizing prayer and solitude?

30. Discuss the response of the crowds to Jesus' departure in verse 42. Why do you think they sought to keep him from leaving?

31. Consider Jesus' explanation of his purpose in verses 43-44. How does this reveal the central focus of Jesus' ministry?

32. How does Jesus' ministry in Capernaum challenge us to respond to his message and authority?

33. What lessons can we draw from Jesus' actions and teachings in Luke 4:31-44 to apply to our own lives and ministries?

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