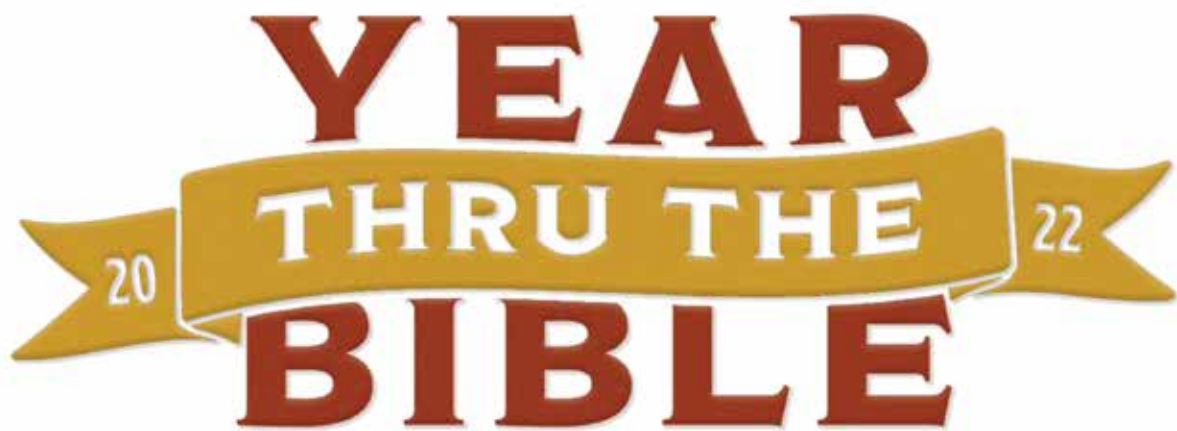


YEAR THRU THE BIBLE



VOL. III

STUDY GUIDE ANSWER KEY

The goal of this document is not merely to give you all of the answers to the questions in the study guide, but rather to help bring clarity and understanding to the questions, as well as your LifeGroup discussion.

WEEK THIRTY-FIVE

IT IS FINISHED

1. Barabbas. The crowd didn't recognize Jesus for who He was. It also shows how easily swayed the masses were and how much they hated Jesus.
2. **Genesis 3:15** – Satan; **Isaiah 53:10** – The Lord; **Acts 2:23** – The hands of lawless men.

Satan and people out of their own evil intentions killed Jesus, but it all ultimately worked according to the plan of God.

3. Group Discussion.
4. Criminal #1 – mocked Jesus.
Criminal #2 – Humbly accepted his consequences and asked Jesus to remember him.
5. Recognize their own sin and put their faith in Jesus to save them.
6. It was the middle of the day, but darkness came over the land. The Temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth shook, rocks split, and tombs were open.
7. The Temple represented God's dwelling place on earth among His people, with the curtain separating sinful people from holy God.
8. Now, because of the sacrifice of Jesus, people are able to come into God's presence.
9. Group Discussion.
10. Group Discussion.

WEEK THIRTY-SIX

LIVING HOPE

1. 12 including "their" in **verse 5**. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James along with several other women. If the writer of the book wanted to show that the book was considered to be true and factual, he wouldn't have used women as witnesses as they were not considered legal witnesses in that culture.
2. The women were looking for Jesus among the dead in the tomb when he had clearly told them that he would arise in three days and be alive again. Jesus was fully God and couldn't be contained by the tomb.
 - Frightened and bowed their faces.
 - Had hoped Jesus would be redeemer.
 - Startled and frightened and thought they saw a ghost
 - Jesus had risen and was alive.
 - Christ needed to die to enter into glory.
3. Group discussion.

4. Jesus showed the disciples His hands and feet, and let them touch Him. He requested something to eat and ate in front of them. The disciples could see that Jesus wasn't merely a ghost or spirit as they thought. He was real and living in the flesh in front of them. They could feel His scars.
5. Jesus chose people that would be considered not important in His time. He didn't choose to show Himself to the leaders of the world or His area, but instead to regular people who He could be and was in relationship with.

God can appear to anyone at any time anywhere. He wants relationship with us amidst the regular everyday lives that we live. He is not flashy or grandiose even though He could be. He truly engages with humanity in a loving and caring way.

6. Everything in the Old Testament points ahead or foreshadows the coming of Jesus. The Old Testament matters, and we should read it through the lenses of knowing that Jesus comes.
7. Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the new covenant people. Believers were filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. He fills us, guides us, prompts us, and convicts us in our daily lives. Having the indwelling Spirit living in you is better than getting to live beside Jesus.
8. The response was to worship, be joyful, and to continue to spread the name of Jesus to others. Our response should be like theirs: worship, joy, and spreading the good news.
9. Group discussion.

WEEK THIRTY-SEVEN

THERE WILL BE BLOOD

1. **9:18-9:22:** The shedding of blood and washing with it is necessary for purification and forgiveness of sins.

9:23-9:28: Christ is the better high priest and the better sacrifice.

10:1-10:4: The old sacrifices couldn't make you pure permanently otherwise you would only have to offer them once. The blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin.

10:5-10:10: Jesus quoted **Psalm 40:6-8** and added "behold I have come to do your will". He fulfilled the first system (the Law) to establish the second (forgiveness and transformation through the cross).

10:11-10:14: Priests have to make the same sacrifice over and over for sin but Jesus's sacrifice was once and for all time and all people (see **Daniel 7:13-14**).

10:15-10:18: Because of the blood sacrifice of Jesus, the Law (teachings) of God can be written on our hearts and our sins will be held against us no more (see **Jer. 31:34**).
2. During this ceremony, blood was sprinkled on both the altar and the people. This is how they were brought under the covenant that they made with God.
3. Jesus sees himself as the sacrifice who's blood brings people into the covenant. This matters because he saw himself as being the solution to the problem of sin for humanity.

4. The tabernacle (and temple) was filled with rich imagery that would have made you think about the garden of Eden. But this also could have been an earthly copy of what God showed Moses in **Exodus 25**. Read **Exodus 24:18; 25:8-9**. Moses went up on the mountain and then instructed the people to make the tabernacle exactly as he was shown by God. This is the space where God's presence resides in heaven.

5. Similarities:

Both say that the Lord doesn't delight in sacrifices.

Both say it was written they had come in the scroll of the book.

Differences:

In **Hebrews** Jesus said a body has been made for him but in Psalms David said he had been given an open ear.

David said he had come where Jesus said he had come to do the Lord's will.

David said he delighted to do God's will and that the law was written on his heart. Jesus didn't seem to quote this portion of the psalm.

6. The sacrifice Jesus made was a once and for all sacrifice. The priests had to offer new sacrifices daily. Also after His sacrifice, he sat down at the right hand of God; a place of power and dominion.

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Complete the following chart with how Jesus' sacrifice is different from the Old Testament sacrifices.

O.T. SACRIFICE (OLD COVENANT)	JESUS' SACRIFICE (NEW COVENANT)
Yearly sacrifice by High Priest	One sacrifice for all time and all people
Blood of another	Sacrificed his own blood
Covered outward sins	Covered all sins so they were remembered no more
Human made sanctuary	Ascended into God's presence

7. Group discussion.

8. Your enemy is defeated. We are still waiting for Jesus to return and bring an end to the powers of darkness and death on the earth. At that time all things will be subject (or under the rule) of God.

9. Group discussion.

WEEK THIRTY-EIGHT

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

1. Judas, one of the twelve disciples, took his own life after betraying Jesus - Jesus told them to go to Galilee when he appeared to them after His resurrection.
2. They were uncertain which way to take. - Group discussion (disbelief, lack of trust, fear...)
3. He is telling them that He is on the same level as the Father in ruling and reigning over His kingdom and creation. - It helps them to know that Jesus has control of everything and that they can have assurance in His work and not depend on their own works.
4. GO; MAKE; BAPTIZE; TEACH; OBSERVE - Jesus was commanding His disciples to take an active role in spreading the Good News to the nations.
5. It was intended to give them hope, following Jesus' statement of having all authority. - We have not yet come to the end of the age and we are still His disciples.
6. If He would now restore the kingdom of Israel. - They still believed Jesus would conquer the Roman Empire to restore Israel back to it's own nation. - Group discussion
7. The Father: has all authority - The Holy Spirit: gives power to be witnesses
8. They are commanded to be witnesses. - Group discussion
9. Group discussion
10. Group discussion

WEEK THIRTY-NINE

WE ARE FAMILY

1.
 - a. They were a group of believers meeting in one place. The first early followers of Christ after His death.
 - b. A mighty wind rushed through the place they were gathering, tongues of fire rested on each individual, they were filled with the Spirit.
 - c. An upper room
 - d. On the Day of Pentecost
2. Throughout Scripture, fire often represents the presence of God.
3. Just as Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, since Jesus has left, in His place, His presence, in the form of the Holy Spirit, has come to live and dwell within and among believers.
4. One the day of Pentecost.
5. The day of Pentecost gathered together many Jews from all sorts of places and nations. After the Spirit's arrival, they overheard many believers at one time speaking multiple different languages but each being able to hear their own language spoken through the mouth of a believer. Through different languages, testimonies of who God is were being told.

6. The first believers devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, to breaking bread with one another, fellowship with one another, and helping one another in each other's needs.
7. Group Discussion.
8. Since the arrival of the Holy Spirit and departure of Christ, the early disciples now have confidence in the message of Christ. They were no longer afraid. This is because of the work of the Holy Spirit.
9. Group Discussion.

WEEK FORTY

BIG FAT GREEK MEETING

1. Paul was in Athens, a city full of idols.
2. He was deeply troubled by what he saw and it stirred him to action.
3. He spoke with Jews, God-fearing Gentiles, and different philosophers. He preached Jesus and the resurrection.
4. Waiting isn't wasted time, nor is it meant for sitting around and doing nothing. Paul used his opportunity for ministry.
5. Paul is addressing a group of people who wouldn't have come from a Jewish background and wouldn't have had knowledge of the Old Testament scriptures.
6. Group Discussion.
7.
 - 1) God made the world and everything in it.
 - 2) He created man to seek after Him, and He is ready to draw close to us.
 - 3) He will judge sin by Jesus, who rose from the dead.
8. Some laughed. Others wanted to know more. Some believed.
9. Group Discussion.
10. Group Discussion.
11. Group Discussion.