

Questions Asked By Mid-Schoolers – Part 14

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These questions were submitted anonymously by a group of 30 mid-schoolers who regularly attend church & AWANAs.

How did the people change their skin color when the tower of Babel came?

Its interesting that skin color is very difficult to explain using an evolutionary model. For example, dark skinned people have an advantage when living in sunny climates close to the equator because skin cancer is less prevalent among them. However, skin cancer does not typically show up until after people have already raised their children. In other words, natural selection would not appear to be a viable mechanism to explain this distribution (by comparison, light skinned people have an advantage at higher latitudes due to their improved ability to synthesize vitamin D from sunlight). For evolutionists, the only mechanism they have available is natural selection. So, to address these types of questions they are looking at mathematical modeling to see if selective processes that are so weak that a field biologist cannot detect them through observation could, over time, still end up having the end effect. So far they have not been successful. Christians have other options available. We know that God intervened miraculously at the Tower of Babel and rapidly redirected the development of human language. In the same way, there may have been points in time where God redirected genetics in order to develop the appropriate distribution of skin color. What is interesting about the Tower of Babel incident is that, along with instantly redirecting human language, God also took the same opportunity to supernaturally scatter the people over the whole earth **Genesis 11:7-9 - "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."** **8So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. 9Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.** Although the Bible does not say, it would not be inconsistent for God to do something similar in redirecting the genetics of human skin color, either as part of the Babel scattering incident or at a later time. The Biblical model fits the observational evidence better than an evolutionary model. (**Genesis 11:7-9**)

How do you know if satan is trying to tempt you or not?

The Bible teaches that there are three sources of temptation. The world system, the flesh, and satan. Most of the temptations we have come from our own flesh and these are the most challenging to deal with (**James 1:14-15**). God is going to demonstrate this during the Millennial Kingdom. During this 1,000 year time period, the world government will be run, in the flesh, by Jesus Christ (**Revelation 20:6**). In addition, satan will be locked in a prison called the Abyss during this time period (**Revelation 20:1-3**). Even so, there will be people living in their sinful flesh who will be the descendants of the people who physically survived the Tribulation period. These people will continue to sin and will rebel against Christ at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, thus demonstrating that even when the world system and satan are removed, the sinful hearts of men are more than enough to cause men to rebel against God and reject His Christ (**Revelation 20:7-8**). Our second enemy is the world system. satan is the ruler of the world system and he has set it up to be hostile to God, God's values, and God's people (**I John 2:15-17**). The world system is constantly pressuring us to conform to a way of thinking that is anti-God (**Romans 12:2**). satan and his fallen angels tempt us by using deception. In other words, they work to convince us that bad things are good and good things are bad. If you find yourself questioning whether something God said is true in the Bible really is true or not, you are being tempted by satan (**Genesis 3:1-7, II Corinthians 11:3**). For example, the Bible teaches that sin has negative consequences in a person's life but satan will try to convince you that its not true, you can sin without consequences (**Galatians 6:7**)! There are numerous forms of deception but they all share one characteristic – satan tries to convince you that something God said just isn't true! The antidote to satan's attempts to deceive you are to know God's Word, the Bible, and believe, by faith, that what it says is true and act on it (**I Thessalonians 3:5**). The good news is that no matter what the source of the temptation, God has given us a way to escape from it. If we are Christians, we don't have to be controlled by sin anymore (**I Corinthians 10:13**).

(**James 1:14-15, Rev 20:1-8, I John 2:15-17, Romans 12:2, Gen 3:1-7, II Cor 11:3, Gal 6:7, I Thess 3:5, I Cor 10:13**)

Can demons read text?

Yes. We have the record of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness where satan quoted scripture he had read in an attempt to get Jesus to sin (**Matthew 4:5-7**). In the book of Revelation, we find out that angels are familiar with and use the measurement systems that humans have developed, **Revelation 21:17 - And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.** They would have to be able to read to learn these measurement systems. Since demons are fallen angels that follow satan instead of God, demons have the same basic capabilities that angels have, so both angels and demons can read. (**Matthew 4:5-7, Revelation 21:17**)

What do you do when people, like a teacher, won't let you talk about Christ?

It depends on the situation so let's look at some different situations. If you are in a math class then everyone in the class has been told that the purpose of our time together is to learn about math. Therefore, if you talk about Christ in the math class, even though no one has brought up any other subject except math, that would not be in alignment with the purpose of the class. In that case, it would not be appropriate to talk about Christ. It is distracting from the purpose of the class. Imagine you or your parents had paid money to a school to teach you how to do Algebra but one of the students kept talking about their religion so much that you were not able to learn Algebra. You would feel like you had been cheated and lied to. It would also not fit with God's commands to us to be ambassadors for Him (**Proverbs 17:14**). For example, I have never talked about Christ in a math or engineering class. On the other hand, if you were in a philosophy class and the teacher was questioning the class on whether absolute truth exists or not, it would be appropriate to talk about God, the Bible, and Christ since billions of people throughout history and up to the present day believe those things form the basis for absolute truth. Likewise, if you are in a history class that is discussing the Roman Empire during the first century, then talking about Christ, the New Testament, or the disciples would be appropriate since they had an important influence on the Roman Empire during that period. Another example would be talking about the positive impact of Christian missionaries on primitive cultures in an anthropology class. As a result, I have personally talked about Christ and written papers about Him in various humanities classes such as philosophy and history when I was in college (**Colossians 4:5-6**). In general, if the authority brings up a topic in which Christ is relevant, then we should not be afraid to talk about Him (**I Timothy 3:1-3**). To artificially withhold this information from the discussion would not be acting as a good ambassador would (**Ephesians 6:19-20, Proverbs 3:3-4**). Let's go back to the math and engineering classes. Although I would not talk about Christ in those classes, that does not mean I cannot talk to other students or the teacher about Christ outside of class. When I was in graduate school I visited with many of my engineering professors outside of class and talked with them about Christ. In a similar manner, when you work at a job you have made an agreement to accept money from an employer in exchange for your time in order to accomplish tasks the employer wants done (**Colossians 3:22-24**). The agreement did not include using the time they are paying you for to talk about Christ. On the other hand, you can talk about Christ with someone if you go out to lunch together since that has been agreed to be your personal time. There is also an acceptable level of "small talk" that people engage in at work. If someone brings up the topic then a comment relating to Christ that only takes a few seconds can be appropriate. Just don't go beyond that. This let's people know you are a Christian, which is useful, but to discuss more than that would need to be done outside of work hours (**Eph 4:29, Proverbs 15:1-2**). OK, now that we have talked about what is appropriate, let's talk about people's responses. Sometimes an authority will overstep their bounds and try to stop you from talking about things they don't personally like. For example, it would not be appropriate for an authority to tell you that if they ask you a question about your life you can't talk about Christ or the Bible. It would not be appropriate for an authority to tell you that you can never talk about Christ to anyone on your own time. In these cases, we choose to obey God recognizing that there will be a price to pay and that the authority may punish us, even though it is outside their authority to do so legitimately (**Acts 4:17-21, Luke 6:22-23**). One final note. Science classes are a more complex issue because science, as it is taught today, is a mixture of observational science and philosophical assertions (strong statements made without supporting evidence). Like engineering and math, observational science does not invoke a need to talk about Christ and the Bible. On the other hand, philosophical assertions made in a science class that are in conflict with the Bible should be gently challenged in terms of asking what the observational basis is and the method of interpretation used that led to the stated conclusion (**Colossians 2:8-9, Philippians 4:5, Titus 3:2**).

(Proverbs 17:14, Colossians 4:5-6, I Timothy 3:1-3, Ephesians 6:19-20, Proverbs 3:3-4, Colossians 3:22-24, Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 15:1-2, Acts 4:17-21, Luke 6:22-23, Colossians 2:8-9, Philippians 4:5, Titus 3:2).

What did Jonah get swallowed by?

The bible tells us that God appointed a "great fish" to swallow Jonah. **Jonah 1:17 - And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.** We also know from Jonah's prayer in, **Jonah chapter 2** while he was inside the fish, that he was swallowed whole. At that point we are not sure if he stayed alive for all three days or if he died and was resurrected later, which is a possibility given Jesus' comments about Jonah (**Matthew 12:38-40**). In either case, this was a miraculous event that required intervention by God. The reason we know this is that there is no known way a person could breathe inside any of the currently known fish for three days. So God did something supernatural in this situation. He either made a supernatural way for Jonah to breathe or Jonah died in the fish and God resurrected him 3 days later. Note that the Bible says that God "appointed a great fish" which means that God may have created a special fish just for the purpose of swallowing Jonah. This fish could have been designed to enable Jonah to breathe while inside it. The fish would then have gone extinct shortly after vomiting Jonah out. But just for fun, if we look at fish and other sea animals today to see if any could swallow a man whole what would we find? Among whales there are two that could swallow a man whole, a blue whale or a sperm whale. The esophagus of a sperm whale is about 20 inches wide so Jonah would have had to be a small man to be swallowed by a sperm whale. Unfortunately, whales, because they are mammals, have relatively fast metabolisms and digest their food quickly. Fish are cold-blooded and have slower metabolisms. The best candidates among fish would be either a great white shark or a whale shark. (**Jonah 1:17, Jonah 2, Matthew 12:38-40**)

What does it mean that Christ bore our sins on the cross. Did He feel a physical weight wearing Him down?

It was much more than that. Christ bearing our sins on the cross involved two things. The first one is called Substitution. This is the doctrine that, while paying for our sins on the cross, Jesus, in the eyes of God, switched places with us. Instead of us having to die for our own sins, Christ died for us. He took our place to serve the sentence decreed by God the Father, the Righteous Judge, against us. The infinite God took on the humiliations of being human and experienced the physical death of a criminal for me (**Hebrews 4:14-15, I Peter 3:18**). Jesus took on flesh and gave His body and blood in place of my own so that He would become the target of God's wrath (**Luke 22:19-20, I Pet 4:1, John 10:11-15**). He was cursed on my behalf. And He became the ransom paid in order that I might go free (**Gal 3:13-14, I Tim 2:5-6, Matthew 20:25-28**). The second thing that happened on the cross is called Imputation. The word imputation means: "to attribute responsibility or blame" to someone. So, God imputed the sins of all mankind to Jesus. In other words, when Jesus was on the cross, God the Father blamed Jesus for the sins of men. God the Father then poured out His full wrath on Jesus instead of pouring it out on us in the Lake of Fire for all eternity. This is what Jesus was experiencing on the cross, which was far worse than the physical suffering. In addition, God imputed the perfect righteousness of a sinless Jesus to those who would believe in Him. In other words, when God looks at those of us who believe in Christ now, God the Father sees us as being perfect and without sin, because He has attributed (imputed) to us the righteousness of Jesus. Jesus traded me His righteousness in exchange for the wrath that waited for me at the judgment (**Rom 5:17-19, John 3:35-36**). He would be the scapegoat for me and I would avoid the blame that I deserved (**Leviticus 16:20-22, Isaiah 53:1-12**). He took all my sin and put it on Himself (**II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:24**). He then took His righteousness and put that on me, like a robe of royalty made for another (**II Peter 1:1-4, Luke 15:20-24**). Now, when God opens my book at the judgment all He will see is righteousness, perfection, and completeness. (**Philippians 3:9, Col 2:9-10**). This is why God can now have a relationship with us and we can be His friends now instead of His enemies.

(Hebrews 4:14-15, I Peter 3:18, Luke 22:19-20, I Peter 4:1, John 10:11-15, Galatians 3:13-14, I Timothy 2:5-6, Matthew 20:25-28, Romans 5:17-19, John 3:35-36, Leviticus 16:20-22, Isaiah 53:1-12, II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:24, II Peter 1:1-4, Luke 15:20-24, Philippians 3:9, Colossians 2:9-10)

If God is all powerful, why did He create us to glorify Himself?

The word glory means "something that secures praise or renown; a distinguished quality or asset". So, God receives glory when others see what He has done and who He is, and agree that He deserves praise and recognition. In order to be glorified, two things have to be true. First, God has to do something that results in others praising Him. Second, there have to be others in existence who see what He has done and voluntarily give Him praise and recognition for what He has done. His creation of the human race and the physical universe accomplished both of these things, resulting in praise and renown for Himself among both angels and men. (**Romans 1:20, Isaiah 43:7, Colossians 1:16, Rev 4:11, Rev 5:11-13**). God did not need glory from men nor was He being selfish. Instead, God highly values having a personal relationship with men and because of who He is, a personal relationship with God always results in God receiving glory from men and angels because He genuinely does deserve it! The creation of the world and the events that followed allowed God to demonstrate His glory in all its fullness. Just as a background of black velvet brings out the full beauty of diamonds, God's glory is fully displayed against the backdrop of a fallen world.

(Romans 1:20, Isaiah 43:7, Colossians 1:16, Revelation 4:11, Revelation 5:11-13)

What do I do if I did something wrong and I asked for forgiveness from God, but I still feel guilty?

Christ has paid for our sins and has reconciled us to God regardless of how we feel on any given day (**Rom 5:10**). Its not about what you feel. Its about what God did and if you believe its true or not. Feelings are things that we can only partially control. We can start a feeling or emotion quickly but rarely can we bring one to a quick stop. For example, if you jump out and scare me I will get scared very fast and my heart will start beating fast immediately. But even though my brain realizes quickly that there really isn't any danger, my heart doesn't go back to beating slowly right away. It takes a few minutes for my system to calm back down. That is the way emotions often are. On the other hand if we feed the emotion with incorrect thoughts, then it stays with us and doesn't go away. So, when we talk about feeling guilty it comes down to this. Why are you feeling guilty? There are three things we need to address when we have done something wrong. The first is to repent which means to change your mind (**Psalm 51:1-19**). Do you truly want to not do the wrong thing you did anymore? If so, then you have repented. Repentance also shows up in our actions. Since our mind has changed, this wrong thing we did will not become a habit (**Acts 26:19-20**). We will always sin from time to time, but repentance means we no longer choose to sin a particular sin as part of our lifestyle. The second thing we need to do is confess the sin to God and ask for His forgiveness which you have done (**Psalm 32:5, I John 1:8-10**). The third thing we need to do is ask forgiveness from anyone who was hurt by the wrong thing we did (**Matt 5:23-24**) and also pay restoration if our sin caused them to lose something having financial value (**Ezekiel 33:15**). If you do these three things and believe God's promise of forgiveness, your feelings of guilt will fade over time (**II Corinthians 7:8-10**).

(Rom 5:10, Psalm 51:1-19, Acts 26:19-20, Psalm 32:5, I John 1:8-10, Matthew 5:23-24, Ezekiel 33:15, II Cor 7:8-10)

Do people who never heard of Jesus before, go to heaven?

In the case of adults, the answer to this question is found in **Romans 10:8-18**. According to these scriptures, faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ (**Romans 10:17, I Peter 1:23**). Verse 14 tells us that people can't believe in Christ if they have not heard about Him. Verse 15 tells us that this is why it is so important to send out missionaries to other countries. Verse 18 makes an interesting statement in that it says that they, in fact, actually have heard. So, what does all this mean? The first issue is, what is the basis for God's judgment of men? Men are accountable to and eternally condemned by God because of their sin, not because of what they have or have not heard (**John 8:23-24**). The problem is that all men have sinned against God and deserve to be separated from Him for eternity (**Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Ps 14:3, Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah 59:2**).

But God has given some things to every person to help them find Him. First, God has put a desire for eternity into each person's heart (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**). Because of this, every person born has a desire to live forever and they think about it on a regular basis. In contrast, animals never think about living forever. Second, God has designed the physical universe so that as you learn more and more about it, you can't help but realize that Someone designed it and created it and that someone had to be God (**Psalms 19:1-2, Romans 1:20**). The third thing God does is His Spirit continually works in the heart of each person to convince them that they are a sinner, that God is righteous and without sin, and that Judgment is coming (**John 16:8**). The fourth thing God did to help man is He gave us a promise that if anyone seeks Him, God will make sure that person finds Him (**Deuteronomy 4:29**). In other words, if someone who has never heard about Jesus seeks God with his whole heart and soul, God will get someone to him to share the gospel of Christ with him.

An example of this can be found in **Acts 10** in the account of Cornelius, a Roman army officer. In **Acts 10:2** Cornelius is described as a man who was devout, he feared God, he prayed to God continually, and he gave regular, large donations of money to the Jewish people. God noticed his prayers and his giving and responded by arranging for a missionary (in this case it was Peter) to travel to Cornelius and share the Gospel with him. After hearing the Gospel, Cornelius became a Christian and he received the Holy Spirit and he was baptized. But notice that the Holy Spirit, which is only given to those being saved, was not given to him until after he heard the Gospel and believed in Christ. So, even though Cornelius did everything he could think of to be pleasing to God, it was not until he heard the Gospel of Christ, understood it, believed it, and made a decision to follow Christ that he was given eternal life.

The biggest problem is not that people have not heard the Gospel, but that they are not actually seeking God (**Romans 3:10-12**). In fact, they are intentionally running away from Him (**Romans 1:21-32, John 3:18-19**). It's also interesting to note that if adults who have never heard of Christ went to heaven, then the best thing we could do to help people get to heaven is to make sure no one ever heard the Gospel! However, the scriptures say to do just the opposite (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

One final thought. The above discussion applies to adults. However, unborn children and young children who die appear to be an exception to this rule. The Bible indicates that all babies and very young children go to heaven when they die (**Deuteronomy 1:34-40, Jeremiah 19:1-6, II Samuel 12:21-23, Ezekiel 16:21, Luke 18:15-17, Job 3:11-13, Ecclesiastes 6:3, Matthew 18:1-6, Matthew 19:13-14**). However, there is a time when a young child becomes accountable to God just like an adult, but we don't know exactly when that happens or if that age differs from person to person or not.

(Romans 10:8-18, I Peter 1:23, John 8:23-24, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Psalm 14:3, Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah 59:2, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Psalm 19:1-2, Romans 1:20, John 16:8, Deuteronomy 4:29, Acts chapter 10, Romans 3:10-12, Romans 1:21-32, John 3:18-19, Matthew 28:19-20, Deuteronomy 1:34-40, Jeremiah 19:1-6, II Samuel 12:21-23, Ezekiel 16:21, Luke 18:15-17, Job 3:11-13, Ecclesiastes 6:3, Matthew 18:1-6, Matthew 19:13-14)

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: How did people change skin color? / Can demons read text?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Genesis 11:7-9*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 4:5-7*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 21:17*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I John 2:15-17, Romans 12:2*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Corinthians 11:3, Galatians 6:7*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Thessalonians 3:5, I Corinthians 10:13*

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: What do you do when people, like a teacher, won't let you talk about Christ?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 17:14, Colossians 4:5-6*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 3:1-3*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ephesians 6:19-20, Proverbs 3:3-4*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts 4:17-21*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 2:8-9*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Philippians 4:5, Titus 3:2*

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THEME: What did Jonah get swallowed by?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jonah Chapter 1*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jonah Chapter 2*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 12:38-40*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 22:19-20, I Peter 4:1*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 10:11-15*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 2:5-6, Matthew 20:25-28*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 5:17-19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: What does it mean that Christ bore our sins on the cross?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 3:35-36, II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:24*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Leviticus 16:20-22*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Isaiah 53:1-12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: What does it mean that Christ bore our sins on the cross?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Peter 1:1-4*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 15:20-24*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Philippians 3:9, Colossians 2:9-10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: If God is all powerful why did He create us to glorify Himself?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 1:20, Isaiah 43:7*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 1:16, Revelation 4:11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 5:11-13*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: What if I did something wrong and I asked for forgiveness from God but I still feel guilty

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 5:10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalms 51:1-19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts 26:19-20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: What if I did something wrong and I asked for forgiveness from God but I still feel guilty

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 32:5, I John 1:8-10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 5:23-24, Ezekiel 33:15*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Corinthians 7:8-10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Do people who never heard of Jesus before go to heaven?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 10:8-18*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Peter 1:23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 8:23-24, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Do people who never heard of Jesus before go to heaven?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 14:3, Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah 59:2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ecclesiastes 3:11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 19:1-2, Romans 1:20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Do people who never heard of Jesus before go to heaven?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 16:8*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Deuteronomy 4:29*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts Chapter 10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Do people who never heard of Jesus before go to heaven?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 3:10-12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 1:21-32*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 3:18-19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Do people who never heard of Jesus before go to heaven?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 28:19-20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Deuteronomy 1:34-40*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jeremiah 19:1-6*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Do people who never heard of Jesus before go to heaven?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Samuel 12:21-23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ezekiel 16:21*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 18:15-17*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Do people who never heard of Jesus before go to heaven?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Job 3:11-13, Ecclesiastes 6:3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 18:1-6*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 19:13-14*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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