



Bringing Christ to the Imprisoned

Disciple of Christ: Answers #11 I. Relationship with God
D. The Bible 2. Why we can trust the Bible

Purpose: Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of the triune God. A disciple is a “student” or “follower” that learns, studies, and acts in accordance to the teachings of Christ, the Master.

This Week’s Assignments:

1. Pray for God to show you a person who needs to have an explanation as to why the Bible is the divinely, inspired word of God. In love, explain this truth to him or her. Summarize the points so that your explanation is simple and straightforward.
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Note: Your assignments should be written on separate sheet or on last page of answer sheet.

Disciple of Christ: Questions and Answers

**Lesson Eleven - I. Relationship with God D. The Bible
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Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside.²¹ But those who ignored the word of the LORD left their slaves and livestock in the field.²² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt-- on men and animals and on everything growing in the fields of Egypt."²³ When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt;²⁴ hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. ^{NIV} Exodus 9:20-24

Read Exodus 9:20-24 and answer questions 1-4:

1: Who is speaking to Moses (v.22)? The LORD, God

2: What did the LORD tell Moses to do (v.22)? "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt-- on men and animals and on everything growing in the fields of Egypt."

3. When Moses stretched out his hand/staff toward the sky as the LORD told him, what happened (v.23-24)? When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt;²⁴ hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation.

4. How would this miracle confirm Moses as a prophet of God? Moses spoke the words of God and God confirmed by a supernatural act. What Moses said would happen – did happen.

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? ^{NIV} Numbers 23:19

5. Read Numbers 23:19. How is God different from men and women?

God does not lie or change His mind. When He speaks, He acts. He does what He says He will do. All of His promises are fulfilled and come to pass. Men and women lie, change their minds, will say one thing and do another, or say they will something and not do it. Men and women will give promises and not keep them.

6. Based on Numbers 23:19, how could you discern if a message about God was true or false?

One of the ways to discern if the message about God is true or false is if the message portrays God as always telling the truth, not changing His mind, speaking and acting on his His words as well as fulfilling all His promises.

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth." ^{NIV} 1 Kings 17:24

She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed.²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?"²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived.²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth." ^{NIV} 1 Kings 17:18-24

7. Read 1 Kings 17:24. How does the woman know that Elijah is a man of God? **Elijah asked God to heal the widow's son and God answered and raised him from the dead. God did a supernatural act through Elijah showing His mercy and love. God heard from Elijah, His prophet and acted in His true character of blessing those who bless His people (Genesis 12:3). The widow had blessed Elijah by providing a room for him to stay in; she was hosting him in her home and providing for His needs.**

They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ^{NIV} Mark 12:14

Read Mark 12:14 and answer questions 8-11:

8. In trying to trick Jesus by asking him a difficult question, these men make two statements about Jesus. No one in the crowd disagrees. What are these 2 statements of truth?

1. Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity (You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are)

2. You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

9. Was Jesus concerned with popularity? Yes **No** Maybe (Circle One)

10. Do you think it is possible to tell when someone is telling the truth about God? Why or why not? **Personal Answer but the Holy Spirit enlightens believers and lead them in truth about God.**

11. What do you do when you are not sure about the truth of a teaching about God?

Personal Answer but should ask the Holy Spirit's guidance, pray, read Scripture, commentaries and seek mature believers for their counsel.

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen.^{NIV} Romans 1:25

12. Read Romans 1:25. How can you help those who exchange the truth of God for a lie?

Personal Answer but prayer and lovingly sharing the truth through Christian books, Scripture, CDs, DVDS and your own personal witness and words.

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.^{NIV} Hebrews 4:12

so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.^{NIV} 2 Timothy 3:17

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.^{NIV} 1 Peter 1:23

13. Now it's your turn. Write three questions, one from each of the three verses above, regarding principle number IV (4) of recognizing that the books of the Bible are divinely inspired because they come with the power of God. Then, answer the questions that you have written.

1. Question: Personal Answer

Answer: Personal Answer

2. Question: Personal Answer

Answer: Personal Answer

3. Question: Personal Answer

Answer: Personal Answer

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.^{NIV} 1 Thessalonians 2:13

14. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13. Why does the apostle Paul thank God continually?

Paul thanks God continually because when he taught these particular people (Thessalonians), they accepted his teaching as the actual word of God.

15. Self-Awareness on the Bible

a. How has your life been transformed by reading and studying the Bible? **Personal Answer**

b. How do you share the love of God's Word with others? **Personal Answer**

c. Do you ask God to speak to you every time you read the Bible? Why or why not?

Personal Answer

16. How can you tell the difference between false prophets and true prophets and between satanic acts and godly miracles? Here are some Scriptures to answer the question. There may be other answers or Scriptures to address this question.

^{NIV} **Deuteronomy 13:1-5** If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, ² and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," ³ you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him. ⁵ That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he preached rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery; he has tried to turn you from the way the LORD your God commanded you to follow. You must purge the evil from among you.

^{NIV} **Deuteronomy 18:21-22** You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?"" ²² If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.

^{NIV} **Matthew 7:15-20** "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?" ¹⁷ Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Discipleship Assignments: You may write your assignment results here or enclose in a letter to your Discippler.

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Personal Answer

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