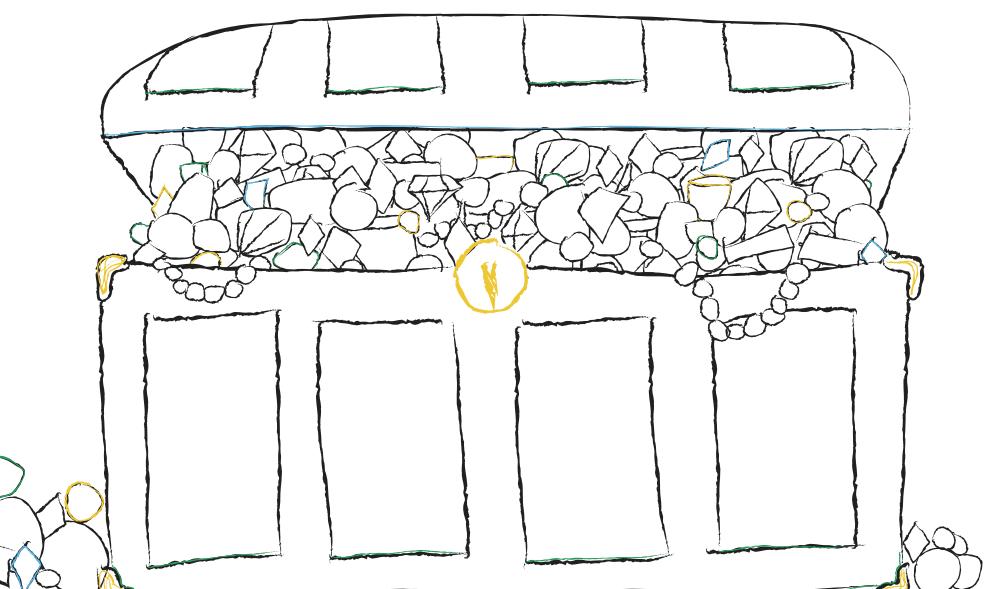


Digging Deeper



May/June 2021

Students,

It is my sincere desire that you (and I) would love God and love his Word. These two are inseparable. You cannot love God while ignoring his special revelation to us. I pray that as you flip through the following pages with a heart to learn, God's Word opened, and a pen in hand, a love for God and other people will be cultivated in your life as his transforming grace daily evidences itself. The Digging Deeper guide placed before you is just that – a guide. There is nothing inherently special or even powerful about the layout and questions which follow.

On the other hand, the Scripture texts provided for reading each week are, in fact, fundamentally life-altering. If we believe Hebrews 4:12 when its author states,

“ For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart, ”

then we must be prepared for our lives to be laid open and bare as the Holy Spirit transforms through the power of God's Word.

Digging Deeper allows you to focus intently on one chapter of the Bible (plus a Psalm/Proverb) each week. The guide is set up in such a way to provide five readings every seven days. This affords extra space to catch up or a day off to concentrate on other spiritual disciplines.

As we humbly open the text, ask questions of the text, and prayerfully consider what the text means and how the text applies to our lives, my prayer is that God's overwhelming glory and beauty would be on full display as the Holy Spirit works through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.


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May/June 2021

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Week 18

Exodus 34 & Proverbs 6

What does Exodus 34 tell us about Moses receiving the Ten Commandment tablets on behalf of Israel?

What's the big deal about the Ten Commandments?
Why are they important to Christianity?

* if needed, use an online
Bible commentary

What questions come to mind as I read Exodus 34?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



What are some key words or themes in Exodus 34?

*look for repeated
words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Exodus 34 are an encouragement?

What verses in Exodus 34 challenge my thinking?

DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in Exodus 34?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Exodus 34?

*My God does ...

How do verses 6-7 help us see both wrath and mercy? Both love and justice? How should we understand this tension?

How does Exodus 34 move me to action?

DAY 5

Proverbs 6: read ×3

List five observations

- ① God hates sin (vv 16-19)
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY FOUR

Ex 34

How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

***Gospel = God, Man,
Jesus, Response**

What's the unifying “big idea” for this section?

***try in 8 words or less**

How does Exodus 34 impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical “next steps” I can take because of Exodus 34?

What action should I take based on Proverbs 6?

What comfort does Proverbs 6 provide?

Week 19

Deuteronomy 6 → Proverbs 9

DAY ONE

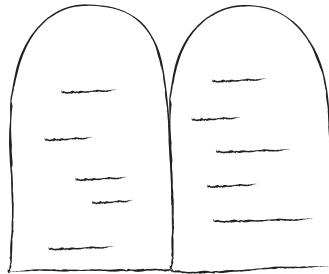
What is the Pentateuch? What role does Deuteronomy play in the Pentateuch?

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Bible commentary

How does the story of Deuteronomy fit into the whole storyline of the Bible?

What questions come to mind as I read Deuteronomy 6?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in Deuteronomy 6?

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words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Deuteronomy 6 are an encouragement?

What verses in Deuteronomy 6 challenge my thinking?

DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in Deuteronomy 6?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Deuteronomy 6?

*My God does ...

What fears, doubts, or struggles does Deuteronomy 6 help me to address? How can I ask God for help?

What does Deuteronomy 6 teach me about the seriousness and importance of God's commandments?

DAY 5 ↗

Proverbs 9: read ×3

List five observations

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Wisdom begins through “fearing” (honoring) the Lord (v 10)

DAY 4

Deuteronomy 6

How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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Jesus, Response

What's the unifying “big idea” for this section?

*try in 8 words or less

How does this text impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical “next steps” I can take because of Deuteronomy 6?

What action should I take based on Proverbs 9?

What comfort does Proverbs 9 provide?

Week 20

Deuteronomy 30 & Proverbs 12

Moses is speaking in chapter 30 - how does he encourage and challenge Israel with life and death?

What is God's role in life and death? What is mankind's role in life and death?

What questions come to mind as I read Deuteronomy 30?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



What are some key words or themes in Deuteronomy 30?

*look for repeated
words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Deuteronomy 30 are an encouragement?

What verses in Deuteronomy 30 challenge my thinking?

DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in Deuteronomy 30?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Deuteronomy 30?

*My God does ...

What verse in Deuteronomy 30 do I find the most interesting or helpful? Why?

How does Deuteronomy 30 move me to action?

DAY 5

Proverbs 12: read ×3

List five observations

- ① Knowledge and discipline are closely tied together (v 1)
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY FOUR



How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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Jesus, Response**

What's the unifying “big idea” for this section?

***try in 8 words or less**

How does Deuteronomy 30 impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical “next steps” I can take because of Deuteronomy 30?

What action should I take based on Proverbs 12?

What comfort does Proverbs 12 provide?

Week 21

Ephesians 1 → Psalm 73

DAY ONE

What do I know about Paul, the author of Ephesians?

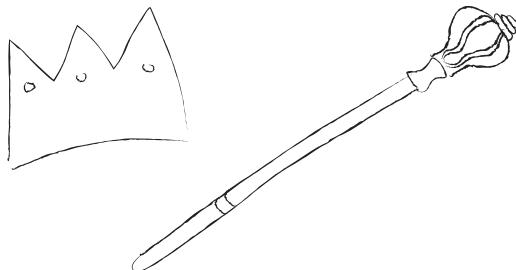
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How does the book of Ephesians fit into the whole
storyline of the Bible?

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Bible commentary

What questions come to mind as I read Ephesians 1?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in Ephesians 1?

*look for repeated
words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Ephesians 1 are an encouragement?

What verses in Ephesians 1 challenge my thinking?

DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in Ephesians 1?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Ephesians 1?

*My God does ...

How does Ephesians 1 help point me toward God's goodness and control over all things?

What does Ephesians 1 teach me about the "riches" of God?

DAY 5 ↗

Psalm 73: read ×3

What are some repeated or important words in this Psalm? How do these help me better understand the Psalm?

DAY 4

Ephesians 1

How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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Jesus, Response

What's the unifying "big idea" for this section?

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How does this text impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical "next steps" I can take because of Ephesians 1?

What action should I take based on Psalm 73?

What comfort does Psalm 73 provide?

Week 22

Ephesians 2 & Psalm 77

Is Ephesians 2 a narrative, an epistle, poetry, or prophesy?
☞ (story) (letter) ↤

How does Paul explain sin/flesh and grace/gift?

What questions come to mind as I read Ephesians 2?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



What are some key words or themes in Ephesians 2?

*look for repeated
words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Ephesians 2 are an encouragement?

What verses in Ephesians 2 challenge my thinking?

DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in Ephesians 2?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Ephesians 2?

*My God does ...

What verse do I find the most interesting and helpful? Why?

How does Ephesians 2 move me to action?

DAY 5

Psalm 77: read ×3

List five observations

- ① God hears my cries for help (v 1)
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY FOUR



Eph 2

How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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What's the unifying “big idea” for this section?

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How does Ephesians 2 impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical “next steps” I can take because of Ephesians 2?

What action should I take based on Psalm 77?

What comfort does Psalm 77 provide?

Week 23

Ephesians 3 → Proverbs 13

DAY ONE

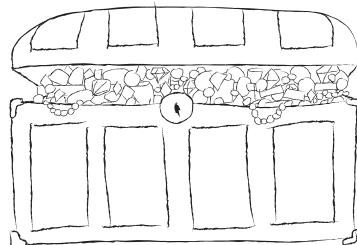
Read verses 14-21 first – what does this section teach us about prayer? What should we include in our own prayers?

Describe what you think Paul means by “mystery” in
verses 1-13.

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What questions come to mind as I read Ephesians 3?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in Ephesians 3?

*look for repeated words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Ephesians 3 are an encouragement?

What verses in Ephesians 3 challenge my thinking?

DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in Ephesians 3?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Ephesians 3?

*My God does ...

How does Ephesians 3 emphasize the wisdom, power, and authority of God?

What does Ephesians 3 teach me about myself?

DAY 5 ↗

Proverbs 13: read ×3

List five observations

- ① Those who desire to be wise will listen to instruction (v 1)
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY 4

Ephesians 3

How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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Jesus, Response

What's the unifying "big idea" for this section?

*try in 8 words or less

How does this text impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical "next steps" I can take because of Ephesians 3?

What action should I take based on Proverbs 13?

What comfort does Proverbs 13 provide?

Week 24

Joshua 4 & Proverbs 15

↳ (story) (letter) ↳

Is Joshua 4 a narrative, an epistle, poetry, or prophesy?
What do you already know about Joshua as a leader
of Israel?

How does the book of Joshua fit into the whole storyline
of the Bible?

What questions come to mind as I read Joshua 4?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



What are some key words or themes in Joshua 4?

*look for repeated
words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Joshua 4 are an encouragement?

What verses in Joshua 4 challenge my thinking?

DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in Joshua 4?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Joshua 4?

*My God does ...

What fears, doubts, or struggles does Joshua 4 help to address? How can I ask God for help in these areas?

How does Joshua 4 move me to action?

DAY 5

Proverbs 15: read ×3

List five observations

- ① The Lord sees my successes and failures (v 3)
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY FOUR



How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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What's the unifying “big idea” for this section?

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How does Joshua 4 impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical “next steps” I can take because of Joshua 4?

What action should I take based on Proverbs 15?

What comfort does Proverbs 15 provide?

Week 25

Joshua 6 + Proverbs 16

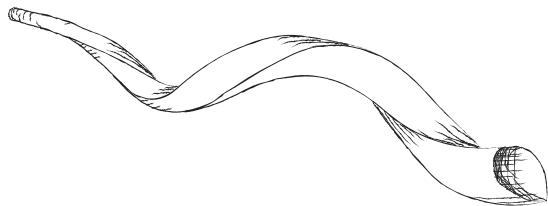
DAY ONE

Before reading – what do you know or remember about the defeat of the city of Jericho? What stands out in your mind?

What does Israel’s battle plan for Jericho tell us about God? What does it tell us about Israel’s strength?

What questions come to mind as I read Joshua 6?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in Joshua 6?

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words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Joshua 6 are an encouragement?

What verses in Joshua 6 challenge my thinking?

DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in Joshua 6?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Joshua 6?

*My God does ...

How does Joshua 6 emphasize the wisdom, power, and authority of God?

How does Joshua 6 strengthen my faith in God's big plan for my life and his glory?

DAY 5 ↗

Proverbs 16: read ×3

List five observations

- ① My plans must be submitted to God's plans (v 9)
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY 4

Joshua 6

How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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How does this text impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical “next steps” I can take because of Joshua 6?

What action should I take based on Proverbs 16?

What comfort does Proverbs 16 provide?

Week 26

Joshua 7 & Psalm 84

What is the connection between the sin of Achan in chapter 7 and the defeat of Jericho in chapter 6?

If sin is rebellion against God, how does this chapter emphasize the seriousness of sin?

What questions come to mind as I read Joshua 7?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO ↓

What are some key words or themes in Joshua 7?

*look for repeated
words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Joshua 7 are an encouragement?

What verses in Joshua 7 challenge my thinking?

DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in Joshua 7?

*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Joshua 7?

*My God does ...

Does my reading and study of Joshua 7 identify any sins in my own life that need to be confessed?

How does Joshua 7 move me to action?

DAY 5

Psalm 84: read ×3

What are some repeated or important words in this Psalm? How do these help me better understand the Psalm?

DAY FOUR



How does this text help to explain any part of the gospel?

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What's the unifying “big idea” for this section?

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How does Joshua 7 impact my life today?

Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical “next steps” I can take because of Joshua 7?

What action should I take based on Psalm 84?

What comfort does Psalm 84 provide?



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