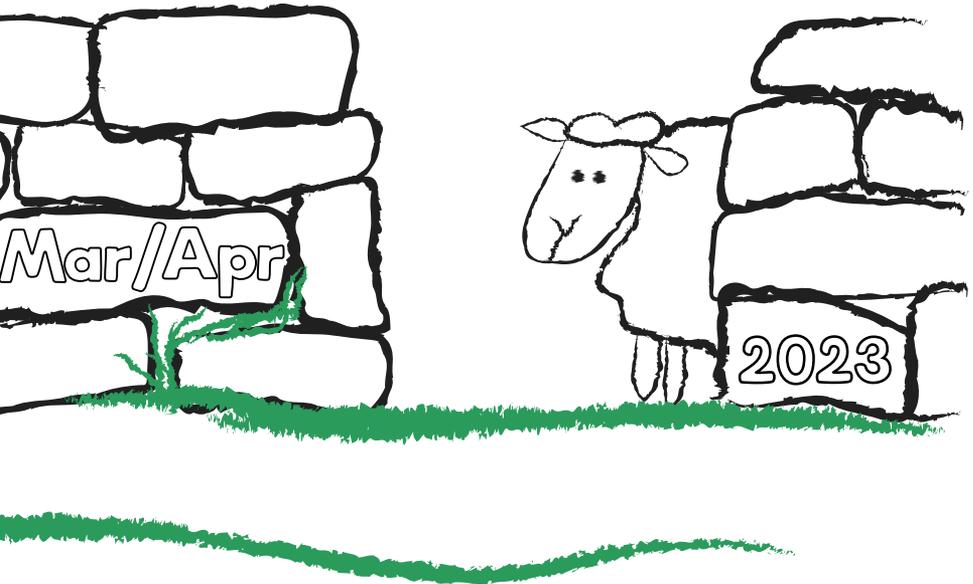


# Digging Deeper



## Students,

It is my sincere desire that you (and I) would love God and love others. 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. In addition, this guide asks questions of the texting using our COMA methodology: Day 1 - Context; Day 2 - Observations; Day 3 - Meaning; Day 4 - Application.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Miller', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Pastor Joel

# Mar/Apr 2023

**Feb 26-Mar 4**  
Week 9

**John 10**  
**Psalm 23**

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**Mar 5-11**  
Week 10

**John 11**  
**Psalm 24**

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**Mar 12-18**  
Week 11

**Exodus 2**  
**Psalm 34**

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**Mar 19-25**  
Week 12

**Exodus 12**  
**Psalm 37**

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Week 13

**Exodus 14**  
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**John 18**  
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# Week 9

John 10 + Psalm 23

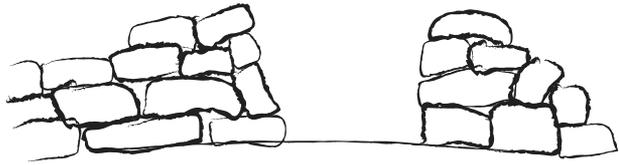
## DAY ONE

What do I know about shepherds? How do shepherds care for sheep in the Bible? \* if needed, use an online Bible commentary

How does John 10:27-28 connect Jesus being a shepherd with my eternal destiny? Explain...

What questions come to mind as I read John 10?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



## DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in John 10?

**\*look for repeated  
words or ideas**

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in John 10 are an encouragement?

What verses in John 10 challenge my thinking?

## DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in John 10?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in John 10?

\*My God does ...

What fears, doubts, or struggles does John 10 help to address? How can I ask God for help in these areas?

How does John 10 strengthen my faith in Jesus' care for me?

## **Psalm 23: read ×3**

**List five observations**

- ① **The Lord is my Shepherd.**
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY 5 ↘

DAY 4

# \* John 10 \*

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?

\*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 in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 23?**

**What comfort does Psalm 23 provide?**

# Week 10

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## John 11 & Psalm 24

John 11 teaches us a lot about sickness and death – why do sickness and death often feel frightening?

John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible – how does this verse show us Jesus' heart of care/compassion?

What questions come to mind as I read John 11?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO ↓

What are some key words or themes in John 11?

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words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in John 11 are an encouragement?

What verses in John 11 challenge my thinking?

# DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in John 11?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in John 11?

\*My God does ...

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

Who could I share what I learned from John 11 with today?

## DAY 5

**Psalm 24: read ×3**

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# DAY FOUR



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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  
in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 24?**

**What comfort does Psalm 24 provide?**

# Week 11

Exodus 2 + Psalm 34

## DAY ONE

Before reading, what do I know about Moses?

*\* if needed, use an online  
Bible commentary*

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

What questions come to mind as I read Exodus 2?

What can I thank God for from this passage?

## DAY TWO



What are some key words or themes in Exodus 2?

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Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Exodus 2 are an encouragement?

What verses in Exodus 2 challenge my thinking?

## DAY 3

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

\*My God is ...

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

\*My God does ...

What fears, doubts, or struggles does Exodus 2 help to address? How can I ask God for help in these areas?

How does Exodus 2 strengthen my faith in God's big plan for my life?

## Psalm 34: read ×3

List five observations

- ① I am told to bless the Lord at all times.
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY 5 ↗

DAY 4

# \* Exodus 2 \*

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Why does it matter to me?

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**What action should I take based on Psalm 34?**

**What comfort does Psalm 34 provide?**

# Week 12

## Exodus 12 & Psalm 37

Exodus 12 introduces the Passover feast – what connections do we see between Passover and Jesus? \*for help, look up 1 Cor 5:7

Why are blood, death, and <sup>↳ (leaving)</sup> “exodus” so important to the Passover feast?  
\* if needed, use an online Bible commentary

What questions come to mind as I read Exodus 12?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO ↓

What are some key words or themes in Exodus 12?

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words or ideas**

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Exodus 12 are an encouragement?

What verses in Exodus 12 challenge my thinking?

# DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in Exodus 12?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Exodus 12?

\*My God does ...

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

Who could I share what I learned from Exodus 12 with today?

## DAY 5

**Psalm 37: read ×3**

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# DAY FOUR



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Jesus, Response

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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  
in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 37?**

**What comfort does Psalm 37 provide?**

# Week 13

Exodus 14 + Psalm 90

## DAY ONE

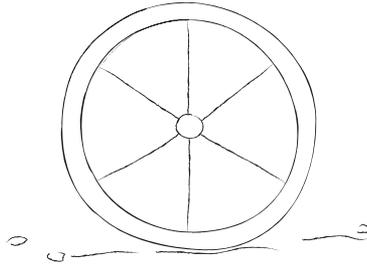
Is Exodus 14 a narrative, an epistle, poetry, or prophesy?

↻(story) (letter)↵

Read Exodus 14 looking at Pharaoh, Moses, and God.  
What do we learn about these three characters?

What questions come to mind as I read Exodus 14?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



## DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in Exodus 14?

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words or ideas**

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in Exodus 14 are an encouragement?

What verses in Exodus 14 challenge my thinking?

## DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in Exodus 14?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in Exodus 14?

\*My God does ...

What fears, doubts, or struggles does Exodus 14 help to address? How can I ask God for help in these areas?

How does Exodus 14 strengthen my faith through God working in big and small ways?

### **Psalm 90: read ×3**

**List five observations**

- ① This Psalm is a prayer of Moses.
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY 5 ↗

DAY 4

# \* Exodus 14 \*

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Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical "next steps" I can take in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 90?**

**What comfort does Psalm 90 provide?**

# Week 14

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## John 13 & Psalm 51

What's the big deal about washing feet? Why was it even necessary in the Bible?

\* if needed, use an online Bible commentary

What do we learn about Jesus and Judas in John 13:21-30?

What questions come to mind as I read John 13?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO ↓

What are some key words or themes in John 13?

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Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in John 13 are an encouragement?

What verses in John 13 challenge my thinking?

# DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in John 13?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in John 13?

\*My God does ...

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

Who could I share what I learned from John 13 with today?

# DAY 5

## **Psalm 51: read ×3**

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

# DAY FOUR



**John 13**

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?

\*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  
in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 51?**

**What comfort does Psalm 51 provide?**

# Week 15

John 18 + Psalm 62

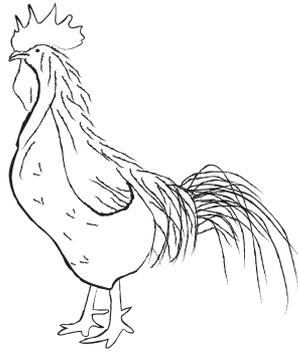
## DAY ONE

Before reading, what do I already know about Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and trial?

What can we learn about Peter's denial of Jesus in John 18:15-18?

What questions come to mind as I read John 18?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



## DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in John 18?

**\*look for repeated words or ideas**

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in John 18 are an encouragement?

What verses in John 18 challenge my thinking?

## DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in John 18?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in John 18?

\*My God does ...

What fears, doubts, or struggles does John 18 help to address? How can I ask God for help in these areas?

How does John 18 strengthen my faith?

## Psalm 62: read ×3

List five observations

- ① The words "alone" and "only" are mentioned multiple times.
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY 5 ↗

DAY 4

# \*John 18\*

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

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Jesus, Response

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\*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 in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 62?**

**What comfort does Psalm 62 provide?**

# Week 16

## John 19 & Psalm 63

What do we learn about the people and process of crucifixion from John 19?

What's so important about Jesus' final statement of "it is finished" from the cross? \* if needed, use an online Bible commentary

What questions come to mind as I read John 19?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



DAY TWO ↓

What are some key words or themes in John 19?

\*look for repeated  
words or ideas

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in John 19 are an encouragement?

What verses in John 19 challenge my thinking?

# DAY THREE

What do I learn about God's character in John 19?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in John 19?

\*My God does ...

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

How does John 19 move me to action?

# DAY 5

## Psalm 63: read ×3

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

# DAY FOUR



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Jesus, Response

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

\*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 in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 63?**

**What comfort does Psalm 63 provide?**

# Week 17

John 20 + Psalm 66

## DAY ONE

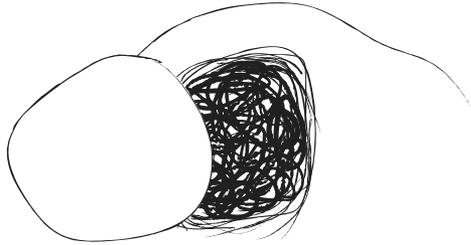
After reading John 20, look up 1 Corinthians 15:12-22.  
What do these texts show us about “resurrection”?

Why is the resurrection so important to the Christian faith?

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Bible commentary

What questions come to mind as I read John 20?

What can I thank God for from this passage?



## DAY TWO

What are some key words or themes in John 20?

**\*look for repeated  
words or ideas**

Are these ideas connected in any way? How so?

What verses in John 20 are an encouragement?

What verses in John 20 challenge my thinking?

## DAY 3

What do I learn about God's character in John 20?

\*My God is ...

What do I learn about God's actions in John 20?

\*My God does ...

What fears, doubts, or struggles does John 20 help to address? How can I ask God for help in these areas?

How does John 20 encourage me to "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God"? (v 31)

## Psalm 66: read ×3

List five observations

- ① The Psalmist thinks of others as he invites them to "come and see what God has done"
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤

DAY 5 ↘

DAY 4

# \* John 20 \*

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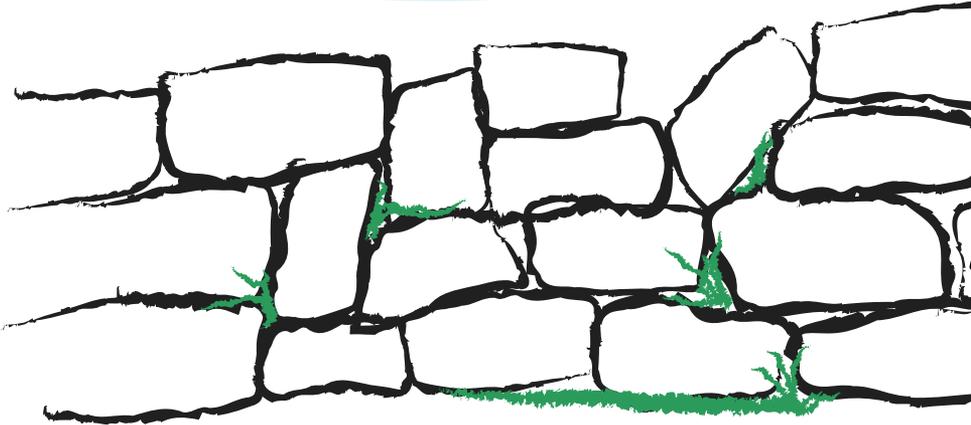
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How does this text impact my life today?  
Why does it matter to me?

What are three or four practical "next steps" I can take in the next month based on this chapter?

**What action should I take based on Psalm 66?**

**What comfort does Psalm 66 provide?**



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