
Understanding Your Bible

Answer Sheet

LESSON 1

A. God

B. He gives “liberally and without reproach.”

Beyond the Text: Knowledge deals with facts (Webster says it’s the “fact or condition of knowing something”). Wisdom, on the other hand, is the ability to apply these facts so that one experiences a successful life (Webster defines it as a “wise attitude or course of action”). Man is good at accumulating facts, but we need God to show us how to apply those facts so that we can live successfully. We don’t want to study God’s Word just to gather facts; we want God to show us how we can apply those facts to our lives.

A. The truth shall “make you free.”

B. Falsehoods will place you in bondage.

Beyond the Text: Personal response

A. The [Holy] Spirit

B. He searches all things, even the “deep things of God.”

Beyond the Text: Personal response

A. Mirror

B. To show us what we look like (a mirror shows us our physical appearance, God’s

Word shows us our spiritual “appearance” or “condition”—with the intent that we will change what needs to be changed.

Beyond the Text: Some possible truths might include 1) the need of God’s wisdom to help apply the Word 2) the need of God’s Spirit to reveal the deeper truths of God’s Word 3) the commitment to be a doer and not just a hearer.

LESSON 2

1. A. Simile

B. Metaphor

C. Hyperbole

2. A. F

B. L

C. F

D. L

E. F

Beyond the Text: You would not want to find yourself defending as “truth” something that was not meant to be taken literally. On the other hand, you would not want to dismiss something as figurative when it is meant to be taken literally.

3. A. Creation (the world and all it contains)
 - B. Marriage (the creation of woman and her relationship to man)
 - C. Sin (relationship with God was broken)
 - D. Redemption (the promise of One who would bruise or crush Satan's head)
4. A. All of creation (not just man) is under bondage to sin.
 - B. There is an orderliness to the marriage relationship. Wives have their responsibilities (v. 22) and husbands have theirs (v. 25).
 - C. Sin has spread to all people—bringing death with it.
 - D. Jesus is God's ultimate sacrifice to redeem us from our sins.

Beyond the Text: Always interpret the Old Testament in light of the New Testament.

5. A. Our salvation is by grace through faith and not by works.
 - B. Paul says to “work out” your salvation, not to “work for” your salvation. He simply means that once you are saved by grace through faith, this new-found relationship with God should be expressed (worked out) in your life.
6. When we accept Christ as our Savior, we are put or placed (the literal meaning of the Greek word baptizo) into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). This is the baptism that Peter says “now saves us.” It is a work of God the Holy Spirit, not man, and is a manifestation of God's grace (thus consistent with Ephesians 2:8-9). The water baptism performed by man is a symbol of this spiritual baptism and has no saving value.

Beyond the Text: The Bible is God's Word. Second Timothy 3:16 says it is “given by inspiration of God” (literally “God breathed”). If we cannot trust the Bible to be the truth, then God's truthfulness is in doubt.

LESSON 3

1. Sorrows and grief brought about by sin
 - A. The resurrection.
 - B. (2)
3. A. In the flesh, the passions of sins are aroused and ultimately result in death.
 - B. In the flesh, nothing good dwells.
 - C. In the flesh, our minds are set on fleshly (sinful) things.

Beyond the Text: The context of a passage sheds light on the appropriate interpretation. A passage should never be interpreted contrary to the context in which it is found.

4. John wrote the Gospel of John so that the reader “may believe” and “have life in His name.”
5. It reveals that Herod was a ruthless man who would stop at nothing to achieve his purpose. It also indicates that he lived in fear that someone might overthrow him.
6. Philippi is indeed in Greece. But Matthew 16:13 makes it clear that this is Caesarea Philippi. Caesarea Philippi is located north of the Sea of Galilee on the southern slopes of Mt. Hermon.
7. Culturally, gates symbolized power or authority. Jesus was saying in Matthew

16:18 that the “powers” of hell (Hades) would not be able to destroy the Church.

8. The two verbs are: was born and declared. “Born” would indicate a time when Jesus was not of the seed of David. Only after he was “born” did he become part of the seed (family) of David. “Declared,” however, indicates that something existed but is only now being made known. Jesus has always been the Son of God, but this truth was revealed when God raised Him from the dead.
9. God’s righteousness apart from the law is revealed *to* all, but it is *on* all (i.e. becomes the possession of all) “who believe.”
10. John 1:28 Jesus was baptized at Bethabara in the Jordan River
 John 1:43 Jesus went to Galilee where He called His disciples
 John 2:1 Jesus attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee
 John 2:12 Jesus moved on to Capernaum, but He did not stay there many days
 John 2:13 Jesus traveled south to Jerusalem
 John 3:22 Jesus went to the Jordan River again
 John 4:3 Jesus left Judea for Galilee. In order to get there, however, he had to go through Samaria. There He met the woman at the well.
 John 4:43 After two days Jesus departed again for Galilee
 John 5:1 Jesus left Galilee and went south to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews

Beyond the Text: Bible dictionary, Bible encyclopedia, commentary, history book, etc.

LESSON 4

1. In order to test him
2. The Helper (also called the Comforter) is the Holy Spirit.
3. A. Your pastor
 B. Your Sunday school teacher
 C. Commentary or other book which covers that verse or subject
4. A. With kindness, tenderhearted, forgiving toward one another
 B. Kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love
 C. Let us not judge one another
 D. Do not grumble against one another