

Syllabus - Disciples 101: Bible Interpretation and Application
Renaissance Institute, Fall 2016

Resources

40 Questions About Interpreting The Bible, Rob Plummer

Look At The Book, John Piper - online resource - <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs>

Optional resource: <https://jointhebibleproject.com/>

Homework Assignments & Due Dates

Sunday, September 18

READ: *40 Questions*: Ch. 1, 3-4, 8, 10-12

WRITE: 1 Paragraph to 1 Page Personal Reflection on Readings

SHARE: Share with one member of your MC what you are learning and share with one non-believer what you are learning.

PASSAGE AND LAB:

1. Luke 12:32; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/fear-not-little-flock>
2. Matthew 6:24-34; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/nine-arguments-against-anxiety>

Sunday, October 16

READ: *40 Questions*: Ch. 21-27

WRITE: 1 Paragraph to 1 Page Personal Reflection on Readings

SHARE: Share with one member of your MC what you are learning and share with one non-believer what you are learning.

PASSAGE AND LAB:

1. John 11:1-6; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/how-do-we-read-the-bible-s-stories>
2. Matthew 22:15-21; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/render-to-caesar>
3. Micah 7:6-9; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/how-to-rise-after-we-fall-into-sin>
4. 1 Peter 2:9-10; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/god-treasures-you-but-not-because-of-you>

Sunday November 20

READ: *40 Questions*: Ch. 28-35

WRITE: 1 Paragraph to 1 Page Personal Reflection on Readings

SHARE: Share with one member of your MC what you are learning and share with one non-believer what you are learning.

PASSAGE AND LAB:

1. Proverbs 22:17-19 <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/enjoy-apply-and-share>
2. Deuteronomy 33:26-27; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/mine-god-s-poetry-for-god-s-beauty>
3. Romans 7:22-8:2; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/no-condemnation>
4. Romans 8:28-30; <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/all-things-work-together-for-good>

Personal Reflection

Here are some questions to answer as you are writing your personal reflection assignment.

What are you learning about God through the reading? What are you learning about yourself?

What are you learning about others (believers & non-believers)?

Email reflections to info@renaissancepgh.com no later than the start of the institute (5PM) on given due date.

Sharing

The best way learn new things is to teach it to others. Make sure the person you are sharing this with in your MC is someone you are discipling and/or are being disciplined by. In addition to sharing this with other believers in your MC, we want to empower you to share these truths with others that you are in regular relationships with who do not know Jesus.

Assigned Passage and Look at the Book (LAB) video

You will be assigned 3 passages leading up to the first meeting, and one a week leading up to the second and third meetings for a total of 11 passages. For each passage you will do four things in this order:

1. **Pray:** pray for God to open your eyes to what is in the text (Ps. 119:18) and for him to satisfy you (Psalm 90:14). You will not have true understanding of the text, nor will your heart find joy in God or be changed by His words unless God does it.
2. **Interpret:** wrestle with the passage, read it multiple times, ask questions of the text, use your pen to draw connections between words and ideas, underline, circle. Look at cross references (your Bible should point out the passages that are related). We encourage you to get into the habit of writing in your Bible. For your first passage, just do your best. After watching your first LAB video, you will have a better idea of what we are asking you to do here.
3. **Watch the LAB video:** take note of anything you missed, and what general principle you can use going forward