



**The new Testament
challenge!**

**Riverside Christian Academy
High school / middle school
Bible Fall 2010**

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Weekly Reading Schedule:

1st Quarter		
Week 1	August 9 – 13	<i>Matthew 1- 13</i>
Week 2	August 16-20	<i>Matthew 14 -25</i>
Week 3	August 23-27	<i>Matthew 26 - Mark 8</i>
Week 4	August 30-Sept 3	<i>Mark 9 - Luke 2</i>
Week 5	September 6 – 10	<i>Luke 3 – 12</i>
Week 6	September 13-17	<i>Luke 13 – 23</i>
Week 7	September 20 – 24	<i>Luke 24 – John 8</i>
Week 8	September 27 – October 1	<i>John 9 – 21</i>

2nd Quarter		
Week 9	October 11 – 15	<i>Acts 1 - 12</i>
Week 10	October 18 – 22	<i>Acts 13 - 26</i>
Week 11	October 25 – 29	<i>Acts 27- Romans 14</i>
Week 12	November 1 – 5	<i>Romans 15- 1st Corinthians 15</i>
Week 13	November 8 – 12	<i>1st Corinthians 16 – Ephesians 2</i>
Week 14	November 15 – 19	<i>Ephesians 3 – 2 Thessalonians 3</i>
Week 15	November 29 – December 3	<i>1 Timothy 1 – Hebrews 10</i>
Week 16	December 6 – 10	<i>Hebrews 11 – 1st John 5</i>
Week 17	December 13 – 17	<i>2nd John – Revelation 22</i>

Riverside Christian Academy
Middle & High Bible Course Syllabus
“The New Testament Challenge”



Bible Department Mission: *Our mission is to help each student develop a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We, therefore, teach the Bible as God’s inspired Word; encourage experiences with God; and instill a desire to know Jesus.*

Course Description: “The New Testament Challenge”

God’s Word is not meant just to be read, it is meant to be lived out in our everyday lives. Yet, many Christians have never taken the time to read the Bible through from cover to cover. During the course of this semester we will read through the entire New Testament from Matthew to Revelation together. It will be a journey of discovery as we seek to make God’s Word a part of each and every day. Emphasis will be placed on ways in which we can live out the text in our families, our communities and our world.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will read the entire New Testament together during the Semester.
2. Students will discover the Bible’s relevance for their lives through weekly journal essays.
3. Students will explore ways in which we can live out God’s Word in our lives through service.
4. Students will gain a greater appreciation for God’s Word and its relevance for us today.

Grading Policy: Grading will be based upon:

Homework assignments & Notebook

- Tests/ Quizzes
- Research Papers
- Class Participation & Preparedness
- Service Projects
- Journal essays

RCA’s grading scale:

- A 93-100
- B 85-92
- C 75-84
- D 70-74

Below 70 is considered a failing grade

High School Research Projects: Students will write 3-4, 2 page (typed) research articles chosen from the following topics:

- Judaism in 1st century
- Pharisees
- Sadducees
- Roman Military
- Roman Government
- The Caesars
- The Herods
- Art & Architecture of 1st century
- Cities of Rome (Corinth, Jerusalem, Athens, Antioch, etc.)
- Roman Religion
- Samaritans
- The Temple
- The Land of Israel (history, geography, climate, time of Christ)
- The Torah
- Greek
- Translations
- People (Paul, Peter, Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, etc.)

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Daily Reading Schedule:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
One 8/ 9-13	<i>Matt 1-4</i>	<i>Matt 5-7</i>	<i>Matt 8-9</i>	<i>Matt 10-12</i>	<i>Matt 13</i>
Two 8/ 16-20	<i>Matt 14-16</i>	<i>Matt 17-19</i>	<i>Matt 20-22</i>	<i>Matt 23-24</i>	<i>Matt 25</i>
Three 8/ 23-27	<i>Matt 26-27</i>	<i>Matt 28-Mark 1</i>	<i>Mark 2-4</i>	<i>Mark 5-6</i>	<i>Mark 7-8</i>
Four 8/ 30- 9/3	<i>Mark 9-10</i>	<i>Mark 11-13</i>	<i>Mark 14</i>	<i>Mark 15-16</i>	<i>Luke 1-2</i>
Five 9/6-10	<i>Luke 3-4</i>	<i>Luke 5-6</i>	<i>Luke 7-8</i>	<i>Luke 9-10</i>	<i>Luke 11-12</i>
Six 9/13-17	<i>Luke 13-14</i>	<i>Luke 15-17</i>	<i>Luke 18-19</i>	<i>Luke 20-21</i>	<i>Luke 22-23</i>
Seven 9/20-24	<i>Luke 24</i>	<i>John 1-3</i>	<i>John 4-5</i>	<i>John 6</i>	<i>John 7-8</i>
Eight 9/27-10/1	<i>John 9-10</i>	<i>John 11-12</i>	<i>John 13-15</i>	<i>John 16-18</i>	<i>John 19-21</i>
<i>End of 1st Quarter</i>					
Nine 10/11-15	<i>Acts 1-2</i>	<i>Acts 3-5</i>	<i>Acts 6-7</i>	<i>Acts 8-9</i>	<i>Acts 10-12</i>
Ten 10/18-22	<i>Acts 13-15</i>	<i>Acts 16-17</i>	<i>Acts 18-20</i>	<i>Acts 21-22</i>	<i>Acts 23-26</i>
Eleven 10/25-29	<i>Acts 27-28</i>	<i>Romans 1-3</i>	<i>Romans 4-7</i>	<i>Romans 8-10</i>	<i>Romans 11-14</i>
Twelve 11/1-5	<i>Rom 15-16;</i> <i>1 Cor 1-2</i>	<i>1 Cor 3-6</i>	<i>1 Cor 7-10</i>	<i>1 Cor 11-13</i>	<i>1 Cor 14-15</i>
Thirteen 11/8-12	<i>1 Cor 16;</i> <i>2 Cor 1-4</i>	<i>2 Cor 5-8</i>	<i>2 Cor 9-13</i>	<i>Galatians 1-4</i>	<i>Gal 5-6;</i> <i>Eph 1-2</i>
Fourteen 11/15-19	<i>Eph 3-5</i>	<i>Eph 6; Phil 1-2</i>	<i>Phil 3-4; Col 1-2</i>	<i>Col 3-4; 1 Thess 1-4</i>	<i>1 Thess 5; 2 Thess 1-3</i>
Fifteen 11/29-12/3	<i>1 Tim 1-5</i>	<i>1 Tim 6; 2 Tim 1-4</i>	<i>Titus 1-3; Phil 1;</i> <i>Heb 1</i>	<i>Heb 2-6</i>	<i>Heb 7-10</i>
Sixteen 12/6-10	<i>Heb 11-13</i>	<i>James 1-4</i>	<i>Js 5; 1 Pet 1-3</i>	<i>1 Pet 4-5; 2 Pet 1-3</i>	<i>1 John 1-5</i>
Seventeen 12/13-17	<i>2 John 1; 3 Jn 1;</i> <i>Jude</i>	<i>Rev 1-6</i>	<i>Rev 7-12</i>	<i>Rev 13-18</i>	<i>Rev 19-22</i>
<i>End of 1st Semester</i>					

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reading the bible for all its worth

whats the point

What do each of the following verses say about why we ought to read the Bible?

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- Psalms 119:11
- Psalms 119:105
- Ephesians 1:17

what the bible says about itself

What do the following verses tell you about the Bible?

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2 Peter 1:3; 19-21
- Psalms 1:1-3
- Psalms 19:7-11
- 2 Peter 3:14-16
- Romans 10:16-17
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- Isaiah 55:10-11
- Matthew 5:17-18
- Ephesians 6:13-18
- Galatians 3:24
- Hebrews 4:12

facts about the bible

- The Bible is an ancient book... the oldest parts being roughly _____ yrs old and the most recent being _____ yrs old.
- The Bible is actually a library or collection of _____ different books!
- The Bible is divided into the _____ Testament & _____ Testament
 - There are _____ books in the O.T.
 - There are _____ books in the N.T.
- Originally the Bible was written in different languages...
 - The O.T. was written in _____
 - The N.T. was written in _____
- The Bible was FIRST translated into English by _____ in _____.
- _____ was arrested, garroted and burned at the stake by the King of England for his work in translating the Bible into English.
- In _____ the King of England ordered a new English version be made "in the vulgar tongue" of his day so that all men might have a translation that they could easily understand.
- A discovery made in _____ in the caves at Qumran known as the _____ has strengthened our confidence that the text of the Bible has been accurately preserved for us.
- The _____ version of the Bible is the best selling book of all time.

Things to remember when reading the bible...

in scripture, god speaks in a variety of different ways (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Story

- O.T. narrative like *Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, etc.*
- N.T. gospels & Acts

Law

- Rules, regulations, commands & stipulations
- *Leviticus, Deuteronomy, parts of Exodus*
- Ex. The Ten Commandments

Wisdom

- Books which emphasized practical Christian living
- Often poetic in nature
- *Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon*

Prophecy

- God often spoke directly to his prophets (*Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc.*) and directed them to write his words down for the people.
- Some of the prophecy was "fortelling", but most of it was simply "forthtelling" or telling the people like it was!

Gospel

- A form of 'story' or narrative that specifically told the "good news" of Jesus.
- *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John* each took a crack at it and presented the story of Jesus from their unique perspectives.

Letters

- Sometimes called 'epistles' these letters were sent by specific individuals (*Paul, Peter, John, etc.*) to specific people in specific churches (*Corinth, Ephesus, Galatia, etc.*)
- Some were written to specific individuals (*Timothy, Titus, Philemon*) but were most likely intended for a wider distribution as well.
- Usually divided as "Letters from the Apostle Paul" & the "General Letters"

N.T. Prophecy (Apocalyptic)

- Common form of literature in the first century
- Always pertained to 'end times' stuff
- Usually was 'anonymous', but the only example of it we have in the Bible (*Revelation*) was clearly written by John.

everyone reads a translation*

Read Acts 2:2-8

- Why was the miraculous speaking in tongues necessary on the Day of Pentecost?
- Why were there so many different languages? (cf. Gen. 11)
- What does the miracle in Acts 2 tell us about God's desire that His Word be heard by everyone of every tribe & language?

There are different TYPES of Translations...

- Literal (word for word)
- Dynamic Equivalent (thought for thought)
- Free (paraphrased)

Helpful Hints for Choosing a Good Translation

Remember... No Translation is Perfect

- Unless you can read Greek or Hebrew (& some Aramaic) you will be reading God's Word through a translation
- In light of this, it is good to consider a variety of translations in your study.

Look for one that is both Accurate & Understandable

- find a balance you can be comfortable with between a translation that is accurate (but probably hard to understand) AND one that is easily understandable (but that might have lost something in the translation.)

There will always be a Need for New Translations

- Why?
- Is it difficult for you to accept new translations? Why?
- Even the Preface to the original KJV (1611) acknowledged the need for continual revisions, NOT because God's Word changes, but because language changes.

Popular Translations:

King James Version
Revised Standard Version
American Standard Bible (1901)
New American Standard Bible
New King James Version
New International Version
Today's New International Version
New Living Translation
The Message (paraphrase)
The Living Bible (paraphrase)
Easy to Read Bible

MSG
NKJ NIV NLT
TNIV NIV NLT
ASV KJV
RSV NAS
TLB Easy-to-Read

an introduction to the new testament

Questions to discuss:

- *How many books are there in the Bible? In the NT?*
- *What does "Testament" refer to...?*
- *What language was the NT written in? Why?*
- *What is an 'epistle'? a 'gospel'? an 'apocalypse'?*
- *What does it mean that the Scriptures are 'inspired'? (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16)*

the books of the new testament

<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Galatians</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Ephesians</i>
<i>Luke</i>	<i>Philippians</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians</i>
<i>Acts</i>	<i>Colossians</i>	<i>1 Corinthians</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians</i>
<i>2 Corinthians</i>	<i>Philemon</i>	<i>Hebrews</i>	<i>2 Timothy</i>
<i>Revelation</i>	<i>1 Timothy</i>	<i>1 Peter</i>	<i>Titus</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>2 Peter</i>	<i>Jude</i>	<i>1 John</i>
<i>2 John</i>	<i>3 John</i>	<i>Romans</i>	

gospels: (4)

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historical (7)

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pauls letters: (13)

general letters: (6)

prophecy: (7)

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introduction to the gospels

Questions to answer:

- *What does the word 'gospel' mean?*
- *Why is that description appropriate for the first four books of the NT?*
- *What 'news' does it tell?*
- *What literary form are they MOST like? (Biography, fiction, mystery, letter, instructions, etc?)*
- *Why study the "life of Christ"?*
- *How does ACTS fit in?*
- *Why are there FOUR?*

<p>Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Matthew? (Matt 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32) • Written for: _____ • Key Verse: Matt 1:1 	<p>Mark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Mark? (Acts 12:12, 25; 13:5; 15:36-39) • Written for: _____ • Key Verse: Mark 10:45
<p>Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Luke? (Col 4:14) • Written for: _____ • Key Verse: Luke 1:4 	<p>John</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was John? (Matt 4:18; Jn 13:23) • Written for: _____ • Key Verse: John 20:31

Which is the longest gospel? The shortest?

Which one has a sequel?

Which one was probably written first?

Which one is YOUR favorite? Why?

backgrounds of the new testament

The politics of the 1st century

What was the "Super Power" of the day?

"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law," -Galatians 4:4 NIV



Why was it the perfect time for Jesus?

Pax Romana - _____ of Rome"

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2.

Problems to Christianity:

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"Hail CAESAR!"

"Caesar" means: _____

- **Augustus Caesar** (31 B.C.-A.D. 14)
 - Ruler at the birth of Christ
 - Ordered the census that sent Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem
- **Tiberius Caesar** (A.D. 14-37)
 - Ruled during Jesus' ministry (AD27-30)
- Caligula (A.D. 37-41)
- Claudius (A.D. 41-54)
 - Mentioned in Acts (11:28; 18:2)
- Nero (A.D. 54-68)
 - First emperor to persecute Christians
- Galbo, Otho, Vitellius (A.D. 68-69)
- Vespasian (A.D. 69-79)
- Titus (A.D. 79-81)
- Domitian (A.D. 81-96)

The House of Herod

- Herod Antipater (47-37 BC)
 - Installed by Julius Caesar when Rome conquered Palestine
 - Father of Herod the Great
- **Herod the Great** (37-4 BC)
 - Reigned during the birth of Christ
 - Ordered massacre of baby boys in Bethlehem upon the birth of Jesus.
- Herod Archelaus (4 B.C.-A.D. 6)
- Herod Philip the Tetrarch (4 B.C.-A.D. 30).
- **Herod Antipas** (4 B.C.-A.D. 39)
 - Ruler during Jesus' life & ministry
 - Imprisons & executes John the Baptist
 - Jesus calls him a "fox" Luke 13:32
 - Presides over trial of Jesus
- Herod Agrippa I (A.D. 37-44).
 - Struck down by an angel in Acts 12:20-f. He was "eaten by worms & died."
- Herod Agrippa II (A.D. 50-100).
 - Hears Paul's defense in Acts 25-26, but has no authority to set him free.

backgrounds of the new testament

Religion in the first century

Judaism

What was important to 1st century Jews?

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Religious Groups within 1st Century Judaism

- **Pharisees**
 - *Encountered Jesus throughout the gospels*
 - *Criticized by Jesus for legalism*
 - *Strictly interpreted the Law.*
 - *Often the "bad guys" in Jesus' stories*
 - *Sought to preserve the faith of Abraham faithfully & righteously*
 - *Evolved into modern Judaism*
- **Sadducees**
 - *Jews "of privilege"*
 - *Did not believe in angels or spirits, the resurrection, the last judgment, life after death, divine providence or a coming Messiah.*
- **Essenes**
 - *Sought to maintain the purity of their religion by establishing communes in deserted regions.*
 - *Rejected anything that smacked of luxury or privilege.*
 - *"Dead Sea Scrolls" were discovered in one such community.*
- **Zealots**
 - *Violent group which often used terrorist techniques to achieve their objectives which included the overthrow of the Roman government.*
 - *Simon the Zealot was one of Jesus' disciples (Luke 6:15)*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<i>Matthew 1-4</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>Matthew 13</i>

The big ideas★Introductory Issues:

Define *gospel*

Who wrote this gospel?

What was his profession?

Why do you suppose there four gospels? What are their differences?

Who does Matthew target his gospel to? What audience?

Why do you think Matthew begins his gospel with such a long genealogy? How far back does he trace Jesus' ancestry? Why is this important?

Why do you think he uses so many Old Testament quotations? Identify 3 or 4

What does the term "Messiah" mean? In what way was Jesus the Messiah?

Why is Matthew 5:17 a "key verse" to understanding Jesus in Matthew?

Who were Jesus' earthly parents?

What was Jesus' hometown?

Who told them that Jesus was on the way? What was their reaction?

Where was Jesus born? Why?

Describe John's message as he was preaching in the wilderness

Who were the first disciples to be called by Jesus? What were they doing? How did they respond?

What is a "beatitude"?

What was Jesus' message in the Sermon on the Mount? What did he say about:

...Murder?

...adultery?

...divorce?

...swearing?

...revenge?
...how to treat your enemies?
...giving to the needy?
...prayer?
...fasting?
...materialism?

Name the twelve apostles:

What is the "sign of Jonah"?

Name the four different kinds of soil in Jesus' parable of the sower... How does this parable relate to evangelism?

Know these main characters:

John the Baptist

Mary

Joseph

Gabriel

Herod

Magi

Peter

Andrew

James

John

Matthew

Journal Thoughts:

- Have you ever had to wait a long time for something? What was it? Was it worth the wait? How do you think God's people must have felt having to wait so long for the Messiah?
- How is Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount so "counter-cultural" today?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<i>Matthew 23-24</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>Matthew 25</i>

The big ideas★

How and why did John the Baptist die? Who killed him?

Who walked on water with Jesus? What happened & why?

Who was Jesus talking about when he quoted, *"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me?"*

Who was the first to confess that Jesus was the Messiah?

Who did Jesus call 'Satan' for his irreverent and misguided remark just afterwards?

What was the "Transfiguration"? What happened to Jesus?

Who did the disciples see with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration? Why?

Did Jesus recommend paying taxes?

How did Jesus instruct his disciples to handle a brother who commits a wrong to you?

What was the lesson of the Unmerciful Servant?

Based on Jesus' comments in ch. 19, what is God's intention for marriage?

What did Jesus ask the "rich young man" to do in order to be a follower?

What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on for the final time? Why?

When did Jesus tell his disciples that he would return? What signs would there be?

What is the lesson of the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids in ch. 25?

Who are the 'sheep' and who are the 'goats'?

Journal Thoughts:

- What famous people would you love to meet? How do you think you would have responded if you had been with Jesus on the Mt. of Transfiguration that day?
- If you were the rich young man, what would you have done? Do you have a prized possession that you would find difficult to give up?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>Mark 7-8</i>

The big ideas★

What religious feast was Jesus celebrating with his disciples when he instituted the “Lord’s Supper”?

How did Jesus give new meaning to the bread and the cup as a part of the “Lord’s Supper” meal?

How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny him?

Where did Jesus take his disciples after the final supper? What did he go there to do?

Who betrayed Jesus? How? For what?

What became of Judas?

What was the Sanhedrin?

Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod?

Who did Pilate offer up for release with Jesus? Who did the crowds choose?

What is ‘crucifixion’? How was it a particularly painful method of execution?

How long did Jesus hang on the cross?

How long did Jesus stay in the tomb?

Who donated his tomb for Jesus’ body?

What is the “Great Commission”?

Mark: Introductions

Who was Mark?

Who was Mark’s primary audience?

How is Mark’s gospel different from Matthew’s?

In Mark’s early chapters, Jesus’ healings & miracles are emphasized. Name 3 such occasions

Who is Levi?

How did Jesus respond when his mother and brothers came to see about him in ch. 3?

What is the lesson of the parable of the mustard seed?

How does Jesus demonstrate his power over nature? ... over the supernatural?

What did Jairus ask of Jesus?

Who interrupted Jesus on the way to see about Jairus' daughter?

How was Jesus received in his hometown?

Why did some believe that Jesus was John the Baptist "returned from the dead"? What had happened to John?

What did Jesus use to feed the crowd of 5,000 who had gathered to hear him speak?

Journal Thoughts:

- Have you ever been in a situation where you felt awkward being a believer or almost embarrassed to be a Christian? Describe...
- How does the Lord's Supper help you focus on who Jesus was and what he did for you? Can you think of a time when the supper has been especially meaningful for you?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>Luke 1-2</i>

The big ideas★

Who did Jesus take with him up the mount of Transfiguration?

What did they see and hear?

What did Jesus say about little children being brought to him?

In what way does he expect folks to be like little children in order to enter the Kingdom of God?

What did James and John ask Jesus?

Whose sight did Jesus restore in Jericho?

What does 'Hosanna' mean? Why did the crowd shout it as Jesus entered into Jerusalem?

What made Jesus so angry when he entered the Temple in Jerusalem?

What did Jesus say was the "Greatest Commandment"?

What did the widow throw into the offering? Why did Jesus commend her so for it?

How does Mark's version of the "Great Commission" compare with Matthew's?

Luke Introductions:

Who was Luke?

What was his profession?

What other book did Luke write?

Who did Luke address his book to?

Who are John the Baptist's parents?

What was their reaction when they were told that they would have a child in their old age?

Does this remind you of any Old Testament characters?

Where is Jesus born?

Why did Mary & Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem?

What group was the first to receive the news that "A Savior has been born to you...?"

What did Simeon say about Jesus?

What happened at the Temple when Jesus was about twelve?

Journal Thoughts:

- This week we've read about both the birth and the death of Jesus... two hugely significant events. Which one do you find yourself thinking about more often? Why? Which is more important?
- What do you do to honor or celebrate either the birth or the resurrection of Jesus in your family?

day	reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<i>Luke 3-4</i>
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The big ideas★

Notice how Luke locates these events in history... who was the Emperor?

Who was governor of Judea?

Who was the tetrarch of Galilee

... the tetrarch of Iturea & Traconities?

... the tetrarch of Abilene?

... high priest?

What is different about the genealogy of Jesus in Luke compared to Matthew's? Why do you suppose this is?

In the list of people in Jesus' genealogy, which one surprises you the most to see there?

Who led Jesus into the desert to be tempted?

What temptations did the devil tempt Jesus with?

How did Jesus respond to the temptations?

Whose mother-in-law did Jesus heal in Capernaum?

Why do you suppose Jesus often withdrew to "lonely places" to pray? (cf. 5:16)

How are the blessings Jesus pronounces in ch. 6 so different from conventional wisdom?

What does Jesus say for us to do to our enemies? Why is this so difficult?

What did the centurion in Capernaum ask of Jesus?

How did the sinful woman in ch. 7 express her love for Christ?

What did Jesus do when confronted with the demon-possessed man in ch. 8? What did he say his name was? Why? Why must the owner of those pigs been upset?

What did James and John offer to do for Jesus when he was snubbed by the Samaritans?

What instructions did Jesus give to the 72 he sent out to spread the good news?

What question prompted Jesus to tell the story of the Good Samaritan?

Who were the Samaritans and why did Jews dislike them so?

How is the "punchline" of the Good Samaritan parable different from what the original hearers would have expected?

How did Mary and Martha act when they had Jesus over to their house? Which behavior did Jesus commend and which did he criticize? Why?

What did Jesus say about prayer in ch. 11?

Journal Thoughts:

- How do you like to spend time with God? What time of day? What do you like to do the most... pray, read, journal, listen to music, meditate?
- Re-tell the story of the Good Samaritan using modern-day terminology and examples...

day	reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<i>Luke 13-14</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<i>Luke 15-17</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<i>Luke 18-19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<i>Luke 20-21</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>Luke 22-23</i>

The big ideas★

What was the reaction when Jesus healed a crippled woman after teaching in the synagogue? Why?

How did Jesus respond to the criticism?

What is the meaning of Jesus' parable of the Narrow door in ch. 13?

Why does Jesus describe being a disciple in such extreme terms... such as in 14:25-34?

What three things are lost in ch. 15?

Why does the younger son (in the parable of the prodigal son) leave home? What does he hope to do?

How does he lose all of his money?

What is his father's reaction when the son decides to return home?

Why does this make the older brother angry?

How does this parable describe God's love for each of us?

What is the lesson of the Rich Man & Lazarus?

What happens when the poor man dies? What happens when the rich man dies? How are these two fates different?

How many did Jesus heal from leprosy as he was traveling to Jerusalem in ch. 17? How many came back to thank him? Why do you suppose this is?

What is the lesson from the parable of the Persistent Widow?

What is the lesson from the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector? How does this parable fly in the face of the culture of the 1st century?

Who was Zacchaeus and what did he do to see Jesus?

What did Jesus say to do about taxes when questioned in ch. 20?

What is the significance of the Last Supper?

What argument do the disciples get in just after the supper?

What happens in the garden when the guards show up to arrest Jesus?

Why do you think Peter disowns Jesus? Was he scared? Embarrassed? Disappointed? Confused?

What did the guards write on the sign to hang over Jesus' head on the cross?

What happened in the Temple and around town when Jesus actually died?

Journal Thoughts:

- Have you ever been unfairly criticized? Can you think of a time... how did it make you feel? What did you do to respond to it, if anything?
- Who would you go out of your way to see today... like Zacchaeus did to see Jesus? Why?

day	reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<i>Luke 24</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<i>John 1-3</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<i>John 4-5</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<i>John 6</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>John 7-8</i>

The big ideas★

John Introductions:

Who wrote this gospel?

How is this gospel so completely different from the other three?

Who did he target his audience to?

Mark begins the story of Jesus at the Jordan River. Matthew begins it with the angel's visit to Mary.

How far back does John go?

Why does John use the word "WORD" to describe Jesus?

Who describes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world?"

Who goes to tell Simon Peter about Jesus?

What did Jesus say about Nathanael? What a compliment, huh?

What was Jesus' first miracle according to John? Where did it take place? Why did he do it?

Who snuck out under the cover of darkness to talk with Jesus further? Why at night?

Describe Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well in Samaria. What was unusual about it? How did Jesus share the gospel with her? How did she try to evade the conversation? But what was the outcome?

What was going on at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem and what did Jesus do there?

In what way is Jesus the "Bread of life"?

How does Jesus respond when confronted with the case of a woman confronted in the act of adultery?

Journal Thoughts:

- Can you think of a time when you were facing harsh punishment for something you did to get into trouble, and your parents were extra lenient with you? How did you feel in response?
- What tips about sharing the gospel can you learn from Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well in ch. 4?
- Brainstorm some ideas of ways WE can overcome social and ethnic barriers in our own community to spread the gospel.

day	reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<i>John 9-10</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<i>John 11-12</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<i>John 13-15</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<i>John 16-18</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>John 19-21</i>

The big ideas★

How did the disciples view the blind man in ch. 9?

Why did the Pharisees take a stand against Jesus?

In what way is Jesus the "Good Shepherd"?

What is Mr. Black's favorite Bible verse in the whole Bible (this week)?

What did Jesus do when he heard his friend, Lazarus, was sick? Why did this anger the sisters?

Quiz: what is the shortest verse in the Bible? But what does it tell you about the compassion of Jesus?

What did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the Resurrection and the life"?

How long had Lazarus been in the grave when Jesus called him out?

What was the significance of the Jewish Passover?

What crazy, extravagant thing did Mary do for Jesus just before the Passover? Why do you suppose she did it?

How much was the jar of perfume worth? What do you think of Judas' question?

Why did so many Jews refuse to see who Jesus really was?

Who refused to allow Jesus to wash his feet at first? Why did Jesus insist?

How does Jesus comfort his disciples in ch. 14? What does he promise them?

Why does Jesus say that it will be better for him to depart?

Why did Jesus say that the world would hate the disciples?

What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do when it comes?

Who does Jesus pray for in ch. 17-18?

John is the only gospel that tells us the name of the fellow whose ear got cut off by Peter... what was it?

Who was the first to discover the empty tomb? Is there any significance to the fact that it was a woman?

What is the first thing she does?

Who refused to believe Jesus had risen until he saw him with his own eyes? Why?

How did Jesus reaffirm Peter after those denials?

What events recorded in John are NOT found anywhere else in Scripture?

Complete the following quote from Jesus in John: "I am the... "

Journal Thoughts:

- How would you rate your spiritual vision right now? Why?
- Whose death has affected you the most?

End of 1st Quarter

	day	reading
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	<i>Acts 1-2</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	<i>Acts 3-5</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	<i>Acts 6-7</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	<i>Acts 8-9</i>
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The big ideas★

Introductory to ACTS:

Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?

Why?

What OTHER New Testament book did he also write?

How does Acts continue the story of Jesus?

What is the book about?

How is the "Great Commission" given in Acts 1?

What does Jesus promise his disciples will come after he has gone?

What will the Holy Spirit Do?

What is the "ascension"?

Who was chosen to replace Judas? How? Who chose him?

Describe the day of Pentecost following Jesus' ascension...

What miracle took place?

What message did Peter preach? Who was he preaching to?

What was the reaction of the crowd?

What did Peter tell them to do?

What is the importance of baptism?

How is the early church described?

What practices were the first Christians 'devoted' or committed to? (2:42-47)

Who 'grew' the church in those early days? The preacher? The elders? ?

Why were Peter & John hauled before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish ruling council?
What did Joseph (Barnabas) do to help the church? What impresses you about his example?

What was Ananias' mistake? What was Saphira's? How did God punish them?

What was the first problem the apostles had to deal with in the early church? (hint- ch. 6)

How did they act to resolve the problem?

How were these six men chosen? How are these men described?

Who was the first Christian martyr... to die for preaching the gospel?

Who is Saul and what was he doing to assist those stoning Stephen?

What Old Testament book was the Ethiopian reading from when Philip encountered him?

What was his response when Philip told him about Jesus?

Describe what God did to turn Saul's direction in life...

What was the meaning of Peter's dream in ch. 10? What implications did it have for the spread of the gospel from that point forward?

How did the other Christians react to Peter's new revelation and subsequent preaching to the Gentiles?

Where were the disciples FIRST called 'Christians'?

How did Peter escape prison?

Journal Thoughts:

- What is the hardest thing for you about sharing the good news of Jesus with others?
- If you are a Christian, describe your conversion experience. When did you commit your life to Christ? What brought you to that point? Why did you decide at that moment? What did you do?

day	reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<i>Acts 13-15</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<i>Acts 16-17</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<i>Acts 18-20</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<i>Acts 21-22</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>Acts 23-26</i>

The big ideas★

How were Barnabas & Saul chosen for their first missionary journey?

Saul & Barnabas had all kinds of exciting adventures traveling about sharing Jesus with people. What story or event was the most exciting to you?

Why did the 'council' of Christian leaders come together to meet in Jerusalem in Acts 15? What issue was at stake?

Who did Paul meet in Lystra who would later become a trusted student and friend?

Who did the apostles meet by the river in Philippi? What did she do when she heard the gospel?

List the conversion stories in Acts:

Why did Paul & Barnabas part company?

What partner did Paul pick up after he and Barnabas split?

What happened to Paul & Silas in Berea?

What upset Paul in Athens?

What did Apollos misunderstand about the gospel?

How did Aquila & Priscilla lovingly correct him?

Why were some believers in Ephesus baptized again?

Why was Demetrius (in Ephesus) so upset with the apostles?

In chapter 22, we find out more about Paul's background.... What do we learn?

How was Paul's trials similar to the trials Jesus went through?

How does Paul defend himself?

Journal Thoughts:

- Does your church support any foreign missionaries? Who are they? Interview someone in your church (minister, elder or mission committee member) to find out more about them...
- How are you continuing the story of Acts today? What are we doing to share the good news of Jesus wherever we go?

day	reading
Monday	<i>Acts 27-28</i>
Tuesday	<i>Romans 1-3</i>
Wednesday	<i>Romans 4-7</i>
Thursday	<i>Romans 8-10</i>
Friday	<i>Romans 11-14</i>

The big ideas★

What happens to Paul on the way to Rome?

Why does Acts end without telling us whatever happened to Paul? To Peter?

Romans Introductory:

Who wrote it?

Why?

What is its main theme?

How has God revealed himself to us (mankind)?

Who has sinned and fallen short the glory of God? How many?

What does it mean to be 'justified'?

What does the word 'propitiation' mean? (3:25)

Who was this sacrifice of atonement?

How was Abraham justified?

How did sin enter in to the world?

How does righteousness?

How does Paul illustrate the meaning of baptism in ch. 6?

Key verse: 6:23

"The wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is _____"

What does this verse mean?

Based on ch. 7, what do you think Paul struggled with the most?

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" - Where is this verse found?

Does Romans 8:28 tell us that only good things will ever happen to Christians? Explain...

Who are the 'ingrafted branches' mentioned in ch. 11?

How does ch. 12 define worship?

According to ch. 13, what is the role of government? What should be our response to government? Why?

How does Paul's instruction in ch. 14 help Christians get along with each other when we sometimes disagree about things? What does he tell us to do... and how?

Journal Thoughts:

- In your Christian walk, what do you struggle with the most?
- How would you describe your relationship to Jesus right now? Best buds? Distant friends? Mere acquaintances? Former friends? Elaborate...

day	reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<i>Romans 15-16; 1st Corinthians 1-2</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<i>1st Corinthians 3-6</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<i>1st Corinthians 7-10</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<i>1st Corinthians 11-13</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<i>1st Corinthians 14-15</i>

The big ideas★

1st Corinthians Introductions:

Who wrote it?

Why?

What do you remember about Corinth?

What is Paul's biggest criticism in ch. 1 concerning what he has heard about the Christians in Corinth?
What is the problem?

What is the problem in ch. 5 that Paul addresses?

What does he tell the church to do about it? Why?

What does Paul instruct Christians to do when they have a dispute with one another? Take each other to Judge Judy?

Why is 'sexual immorality' wrong according to ch. 6:12-20?

What is Paul's advice for married folks?

Should a Christian eat food that has been 'sacrificed to idols'? Why or why not?

What might be a modern-day application to the principle learned in ch. 8 about food sacrificed to idols?

Why did Paul make himself a slave to everyone? (hint: ch. 9)

What problem was the church having with the Lord's Supper?

What did Paul instruct them to do to correct the problem?

What is a 'spiritual gift'? List some of the ones mentioned in ch. 12...

Why does God give spiritual gifts? What is their purpose?

How is the metaphor of the body a perfect way to describe the church?

What is the "most excellent way"?

Why is chapter 13 often read at weddings?

What is the purpose of speaking in tongues, according to ch. 14? What does Paul say about it?

Why do you think he is concerned about 'orderly worship'? What must have been going on in Corinth?

What is the "most important thing" according to Paul in ch. 15?

Describe the 'resurrection body' that we will be given.

Journal Thoughts:

- Can you think of a problem that your church has faced and how the leaders of your church dealt with it? How did it affect you or your family?
- How can you work to strengthen the "one-ness", the unity, of your church or youth group? What might you or your friends do towards this objective? Brainstorm some ideas...

day	reading
Monday	<i>1st Corinthians 16; 2nd Corinthians 1-4</i>
Tuesday	<i>2nd Corinthians 5-8</i>
Wednesday	<i>2nd Corinthians 9-13</i>
Thursday	<i>Galatians 1-4</i>
Friday	<i>Galatians 5-6; Ephesians 1-2</i>

The big ideas★

What does Paul instruct the Corinthian church to do about a 'collection'?

What was it going to be used for?

Why do you suppose they were to do it "on the first day of the week"?

According to 2 Cor. 1, why does God comfort us in our troubles?

How does Paul describe his ministry?

In 2 Cor. 4:4 Paul mentions the 'god of this age'. Who do you think he's talking about?

"So we fix our eyes not on what is _____ but on what is _____. For what is seen is _____, but what is unseen is _____." Where is this found?

What is our 'earthly tent' a reference to? (cf. 2 Cor. 5:1) our 'building from God'?

Name some of Paul's hardships....

What does Paul commend the churches in Macedonia for? (2 Cor. 8)

What was the purpose of the gift in 2 Cor 9:1?

Who did Paul send to Corinth to help them?

Galatia? Can you find it on a map?

What cities were prominent in Galatia?

How would you describe the main theme of Galatians?

What two groups of people were at odds in Galatia?

Why did Paul oppose Peter? (Gal. 2)

What was the purpose of the O.T. law according to Galatians 3:24?

Can anyone be justified (i.e. made right with God) by obeying God's law?

Why was the time perfect for Christ to be born (Gal 4:4)?

Where was Ephesus located? Is it a country, region or city?

List the fruits of the Spirit...

What does Paul praise the Ephesians for in Eph. 1?

How is Christ our 'peace'? (Eph 2:14)

Instead of 'foreigners & aliens', how does Paul describe Gentiles who have come to Christ in Eph. 2?

Journal Thoughts:

- What's the hardest thing you've ever been through? How might you use that experience to help someone else going through something similar?
- Have you ever felt like a foreigner or alien? How did it make you feel? What do you think the Gentiles must have felt like to discover that now- thru Christ- they, too could be accepted into the Kingdom of God... God's family?

day	reading
Monday	<i>Ephesians 3-5</i>
Tuesday	<i>Ephesians 6; Philippians 1-2</i>
Wednesday	<i>Philippians 3-4; Colossians 1-2</i>
Thursday	<i>Colossians 3-4; 1st Thessalonians 1-4</i>
Friday	<i>1st Thessalonians 5; 2nd Thessalonians 1-3</i>

The big ideas★

What is the 'mystery of Christ' Paul speaks of in Eph. 3?

KEY VERSE: Eph 2:8-10

It is by _____ you have been saved through _____, this not of yourselves it is the gift of God- NOT by _____ so that no one can boast. For we are God's _____ created in Christ Jesus to do _____, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What does Paul pray for the Ephesians?

How can we 'live a life worthy of the calling you (we) have received'?

What is Paul's advice to wives & husbands?

... to children & parents?

... to slaves & masters?

Describe the "Armor of God".... (draw a picture & label it)

Where was Paul when he wrote the letter to the Philippians?

How does Paul describe Christ's attitude (Phil 2) and how OUR attitude should be?

Where was Paul's confidence?

What 'prize' was Paul pressing ahead towards?

Colossians:

Who is the 'image of the invisible God'... what does this mean about who Jesus is?

List some of the 'rules for Holy living' Paul gives in Col 3...

Who is Tychicus?

Whose cousin does Paul mention in Col 4:10?

In what modern day country is Thessalonica?

What kind of news had Timothy brought to Paul concerning the Thessalonians?

What did Paul tell the Thessalonians about Christ's return?

How is the picture of Christ's return in 1 Thess 4 encouraging? Frightening? Exciting? Sad?

How can we 'pray without ceasing'? (1 Thess 4:17)

What is the message of 2nd Thessalonians?

Journal Thoughts:

- What piece of armor do you need to add to your suit of armor?
- Write a brief first-hand account of Christ's return as if you are an eyewitness...

day	reading
Monday	1 st Timothy 1-5
Tuesday	1 st Timothy 6; 2 nd Timothy 1-4
Wednesday	Titus 1-3; Philemon 1; Hebrews 1
Thursday	Hebrews 2-6
Friday	Hebrews 7-10

The big ideas★

1st Timothy Introductions:

- Who is Timothy & what do we know about him? (cf. Acts 16)
- Where did he first learn the faith? From whom?
- Describe the type relationship he had with Paul...
- Where was Timothy when Paul wrote this letter to him?
- Was Timothy Jewish or Gentile?

What warning does Paul give Timothy in ch. 1?

What instructions regarding worship does Paul give Timothy in ch. 2?

How does he describe 'modest dress' in his day? How would you apply this principle today?

What church leaders does Paul describe in ch. 3?

What qualities should a church look for in its overseers?

What qualities should a church look for in its deacons?

What is a deacon? What do deacons do? (cf. Acts 6)

Who is responsible for the care of widows?

How should young men regard older women? Younger women?

What is the root of all evil?

" _____ the evil desires of youth, and pursue _____,
 _____, _____, & _____."
 (2 Tim. _____:_____)

Who deserted Paul and gone to Thessalonica? Why?

Note 2nd Tim. 4:11... Who is this 'Mark' and how does it answer a question we discussed way back in Acts 13?

Note 2nd Tim. 4:19.... Where have we met Priscilla & Aquila before?

Where had Paul left Titus to minister?

What can you tell of the situation in the church there?

What does Paul tell Titus about our responsibility to the authorities/ rulers?

Who was Philemon?

Why did Paul write this little letter to Philemon? What was it concerning?

Hebrews Introductory:

No official author is given for Hebrews... who do you suppose might have written it?

Is Hebrews primarily Jewish or Gentile in character?

How can you tell?

How did God speak to his people 'in the past'?

How has he now spoken for all time?

God's Son is described as superior to what?

And yet he was made... ?

Who is called the 'great high priest' in Hebrews? Why?

What offering has been made "once and for all"?

Journal Thoughts:

- Who would you consider to be a mentor in your life? What kind of advice, instruction or example has he or she given you that has made an impact on you?
- Are there folks in your church who demonstrate the kind of qualities listed for overseers or deacons in 1st Timothy & Titus? Brainstorm some ways that you could encourage them or thank them for their Godly example. Pick one and do it this weekend!

day	reading
Monday	Hebrews 11-13
Tuesday	James 1-4
Wednesday	James 5; 1 st Peter 1-3
Thursday	1 st Peter 4-5; 2 nd Peter 1-3
Friday	1 st John 1-5

The big ideas★

How does Hebrews define 'faith'?

Why is Hebrews 11 sometimes called the "Hall of Faith" chapter?

List some of the people (men & women) who are commended for their faith in Hebrews 11... and what they did to be named here...

How should we run 'the race marked out for us'?

What does it mean that Jesus is the 'author & perfecter' of our faith?

What is Mr. Black's favorite Bible verse THIS week?

"Let us fix our _____ on _____, the _____ & _____ of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the _____ scorning its _____, and sat down at the right hand of the _____ of God."

What do you know about James?

Who was his slightly more famous older brother? (Matt: 13:55)

Was he a believer in Jesus at first? (Jn 7:2-5)

What role did he play in the early church? (Acts 15)

Why is James thought of as a very 'practical' book for Christians?

"Do not merely _____ to the Word and so _____ yourselves, _____ what it says!" (James ____ : ____)

What advice for daily Christian living does James give us? (there's a lot! Name a few)

What does James say about 'faith' & 'works'? What is the role of works/ deeds?

Do you think this contradicts what Paul said in Ephesians 2:8-10? Why or why not?

How does James describe 'wisdom' in ch. 3?

What does James say causes fights & quarrels among Christians? What can we do to avoid these conflicts?

1st & 2nd Peter...

What do you know about Peter? (you should remember a lot from reading Acts!)

How does he describe the Christians that he is writing to?

In what way are Christians 'strangers in the world'? What does he mean?

What does it mean to be 'holy'? Can we be perfect?

How is Jesus both a 'cornerstone' and a 'stumbling block'? (1st Peter 2)

Why does Peter admonish Christians to submit to the authorities?

What command does Peter give to his fellow elders who are shepherds in God's church?

How does 2 Peter 20-21 describe how the Bible is inspired of God? Who wrote the words? Where did the words come from? (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)

What is the main overarching point that John emphasizes over & over?

Who is called the "anti-Christ" in 1st John 2:22

Journal Thoughts:

- Who are your 'heroes'... people you look up to and admire? Think of 2 or 3. What is it that you admire about them? Describe...
- Describe a time when you were in a situation and felt 'out of place' because of your beliefs. How do you think early Christians must have felt?

day	reading
Monday	2 nd John 1; 3 rd John 1; Jude
Tuesday	Revelation 1-6
Wednesday	Revelation 7-12
Thursday	Revelation 13-18
Friday	Revelation 19-22

The big ideas★

What does John say has given him 'great joy'?

Who did John write 3rd John to? What has given him joy regarding him?

Who is Jude? (cf. Matt. 13:55; Jude 1:1)

How would you summarize the message of Jude?

The Revelation Introductions:

Who penned the Revelation?

Where was he?

What happened to prompt the writing?

The word Revelation means...

What is the message of Revelation? (good question!)

List the seven churches identified in Rev. 2-3 and describe the good & bad characteristics of each one...

Church	Good Characteristics	Bad Characteristics

What were the four living creatures saying to the one who sits on the throne in ch. 4?

What do you think may be the significance of the 'Lamb' depicted in ch. 5? Who is the 'lamb of God'? (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

How does ch. 12 describe Satan?

What is the eventual outcome for Satan? (ch. 20)

How does ch. 21 & 22 describe 'the end'?

Is it really the end, or is it a new beginning?

What tree is mentioned again in ch. 22? When was the last time in the Bible we read about it? Where was it? What does this symbolize for us, do you suppose?

Who is 'coming soon', according to Rev. 22?

Why would it be wrong to add to or take away from the words in this book of prophecy? Do you think this applies to the rest of Scripture as well? Why or why not?

Do you often pray, "Yes. Come, Lord Jesus!" like John in 21:20? Why or why not?

Journal Thoughts:

- Have you ever been with somebody who was really sick, maybe with cancer or a terminal illness? How would Rev. 21:1-4 give them some comfort?
- Do you envision the end of time being a scary or exciting time? Why?
- What do you look MOST forward to about Jesus' return and heaven?

End of 2nd Quarter/ 1st Semester