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1. What does “testament” mean?
2. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament (besides the number of books ☺)?
3. What are two Bible passages that teach the inspiration of the Scriptures?
4. What are the two keywords describing inspiration?
5. When writing Scripture, did Peter make any mistakes? Why or why not?
6. Are there any more books being written today that we should include in the Bible? Explain your answer.
7. Is the Apocrypha God's Word? Why or why not?
8. Are those who copy Greek manuscripts or translate the Bible inspired? Explain your answer.

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1. What NT books give the basis of Christianity? What truth is Christianity based on?
 2. What NT book tells about the growth of Christianity?
 3. List some benefits from Roman rule that Christianity enjoyed.
 4. How was the Greek language a help to the spread of Christianity?
 5. Describe some of the differences between Pharisees and Sadducees.
 6. What were the purposes of synagogues?
 7. How did synagogues help with the spread of Christianity?

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1. Draw a map of Israel in NT times
2. What does “gospel” mean in the sense of “The *Gospel* According to Luke”?
3. Why were the Gospels written?
4. If someone asked you why there are four gospels, how would you answer him?
5. Does “Kingdom of God” refer to the church? Explain your answer.
6. Why did Jesus do miracles?
7. Read Mark chapters 1-8. Did you read it?

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1. Who did Matthew write to? Who did Mark write to?
 2. What was Matthew's purpose in writing? In other words, what was he trying to prove?
 3. How does Matthew try to show that Jesus is the Messiah?
 4. What is the key word for Matthew's gospel? For Mark's gospel?
 5. Give the theme and basic outline for Matthew's gospel.
 6. What does Mark's gospel emphasize?
 7. What were Mark's purposes in writing? What did he want his readers to understand?
 8. Give the theme and basic outline Mark's gospel.
 9. Read Mark chapters 9-16. Did you read it?

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1. What would be some reasons you would give to show that Luke was the author of the third gospel?
 2. What is Luke's purpose in his gospel?
 3. What are some differences between John's gospel and the other three? (You're going to have to read through the notes to answer this one!)
 4. What is John's purpose in his gospel?
 5. How does John seek to accomplish his stated purpose?
 6. Of the four gospels, do you have a favorite? If so, why is it your favorite?
 7. Read Acts chapters 1-14. Did you read it?

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1. What is the theme of the book of Acts?
2. How important is the book of Acts? What does it help us with?
3. What are the four basic aspects of fulfilling the Great Commission?
4. What is an *indigenous* church?
5. Who is the main person that Acts tells us about?
6. What was the issue that the Jerusalem Council had to deal with? What was their conclusion?
7. Read the notes covering the book of Acts again. Did you read them?
8. Read Acts chapters 15-21. Did you read them?

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1. What are some differences between the Gospels and the Epistles?
2. What can we learn from the epistles about the church? (From the “characteristics” and “themes” section)
3. What is essential for gaining a firm grasp of an epistle?
4. What was the situation in the Galatian churches that caused Paul to write to them? What is the theme of Galatians?
5. Why did Paul write Romans? What is the key word and passage?
6. Read pp. 44-50 of the notes. Did you read them?
7. Read Galatians 1-6. Did you read them?

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1. Read 1 & 2 Thessalonians and write all the references that mention Christ's return.

 2. Is it possible to turn to God without turning from idols? Is a person who does *not* a genuine convert? Why or why not?

 3. What kind of "work ethic" should Christians have? Why is this important?

 4. How important is it to have a right understanding of the "end times"? Why?

 5. What is the Day of the Lord? When will it come? Where will Christians be when it does?

 6. Read pp. 51-55 of the notes, and Appendices D & E. Did you read them?

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1. Why is Revelation a book that every Christian should work to study and understand?
2. Why was Revelation written?
3. How should Revelation be interpreted? Why? What does it mean to interpret in that way?
4. What do the “seals,” “trumpets,” and “bowls” tell about?
5. What is the purpose of the “parentheses” chapters?
6. When will Christ return in glory to rule? (Circle the correct answer)
 - a. During the church age
 - b. In the middle of the Tribulation
 - c. At the end of the Tribulation
 - d. After the Millennium
7. Read the notes for this lesson on Revelation. Did you read them?

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1. State the theme and key word for Hebrews.
2. Why did the Author of Hebrews write this letter? (in other words, the *occasion* for writing)
3. Can a *genuine* believer become lost again? Explain your answer.
4. What is the purpose of the “warning passages” in Hebrews?
5. Who was Melchizedek?
6. Read through the class notes covering the letter to the Hebrews. Did you read them?
7. What from this class (that began back in February!) did you learn the most about?

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1. How is the New Testament different from the Old Testament?
2. How many meanings does one passage have? Why?
3. What is the purpose of the New Testament?
4. Why is it important to study the New Testament?
5. How is the epistles different from the Gospels? (p. 72)
6. Read the class notes, pages 70–74. Did you read them?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 1-7. Did you read it? What were some of the problems in the Corinthian church that Paul addresses?

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1. Read the class notes, pages 81–88. Did you read them?
2. What were the issues and problems Paul was addressing in 2 Corinthians?
3. What is the purpose of 2 Corinthians?
4. How is 2 Corinthians different from the rest of Paul's letters?
5. What is the theme and key verse of 2 Corinthians?
6. When unbelievers refuse to believe the gospel, what's the problem? (See 4:1-6)
7. Are Christians commanded to tithe? Explain your answer.
8. What did you learn from 2 Corinthians?
9. Have you given any thought to what you'd like to learn about in the next Bible class? ☺

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1. Read the class notes, pages 89-94. Did you read them?
2. What are the “prison epistles”? When and by whom were they written?
3. What three lines of truth does Ephesians tell us about?
4. True or False —
 - a. ___ The OT tells us about Gentiles being saved
 - b. ___ The OT tells us about the church
 - c. ___ Ephesians tells about the organization of local churches
5. What is meant by the word “mystery” in Ephesians and Colossians?
6. What is the theme of Ephesians?
7. What was the main occasion for Paul’s writing to the Philippians? (hint—4:10-20)
8. How should we interpret and understand what Paul says in Philippians 1:15-18? Does this give us justification for working with those who preach a different gospel?
9. What does it mean when it says that Jesus “emptied” Himself (2:7)?
10. What kind of a letter is Philippians?
11. Read either Ephesians or Philippians. Which did you read? Did you learn anything or have any questions about it?

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1. Read the class notes, pages 95-102. Did you read them?
2. What was Timothy and Titus's "position" in the churches they were at? Were they apostles, pastors, or something else?
3. What books make up the "Pastoral Epistles"? Why are they called that?
4. What are the two main concerns of 1 Timothy?
5. Are "overseers," "elders," and "pastors" different offices or the same? Where in the Bible can you prove this?
6. What was the purpose of the book of Titus?
7. What is the difference in emphasis between 1 Timothy and Titus? Why is there a difference in emphasis?
8. What is the theme of both 1 Timothy and Titus?
9. Read either 1 Timothy or Titus. Which did you read? Did you learn anything or have any questions about it?

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1. Read the class notes, pages 103-111. Did you read them?
2. Who probably started the church at Colossae?
3. How should a church respond to error?
4. What are the two purposes of Colossians?
5. Go over the different aspects of the false teaching the Colossians faced (pp. 104-105). What are some examples of these that we face today?
6. Describe the content of Philemon. In other words, what's the book about?
7. Why would Timothy need the encouragement Paul gives in 2 Timothy?
8. Read either Colossians or 2 Timothy. Which did you read? What did you learn or were impressed by?

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1. Read the class notes, pages 112-120. Did you read them?
2. What was the situation or occasion James was addressing?
3. State James's purpose in writing his letter.
4. What is James saying in 2:14-20? What is he *not* saying?
5. What was the situation or occasion Peter was addressing in 1 Peter?
6. State Peter's purpose in writing 1 Peter.
7. What is the key word of 1 Peter? The theme? How does that theme address the issue of suffering and persecution?
8. What did Jesus do in Hades after He died? Was He giving OT unbelievers a second chance to be saved?
9. Read either James or 1 Peter. Which did you read? What did you learn or were impressed by?

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1. Read the class notes, pages 121-129. Did you read them?

2 Peter

2. What is the two-fold purpose Peter has in 2 Peter?
3. Study 2 Peter 1:3-11. What are the different characteristics that you should grow in? What kind of effort should you put into it? What could happen if you don't? What happens if you do?
4. Study 2 Peter 3:11-18. How should an expectation of Christ's return be seen in your life?

Jude

5. Why is it necessary to “contend earnestly for the faith”? (Jude 3)
6. Is earnestness compatible with tender love and mercy? How?
7. What seven things are expected of believers in Jude 20-23?

Both 2 Peter and Jude

8. What makes 2 Peter and Jude particularly applicable to, or useful in, our day and age?
9. How does a distinctly Christian lifestyle protect one from spiritual and moral corruption?
10. Read 2 Peter and Jude. What did you learn or were impressed by? Did you have any questions?