

Hillcrest CHURCH of CHRIST

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A Lawyer Interprets the Bible

In Luke 10:25, a lawyer tested Jesus by asking “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” As Jesus often does, he answered the question with His own questions: “What has been written? How do you read it?” In other words, Jesus asked (1) “What does the Bible say?” and (2) “How do you interpret it?” These are two of the most important questions that any Bible student can ask.

The lawyer demonstrated his good knowledge of scripture when he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18). Jesus responded, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

That was easy! This Bible student already knew the answer to his own question. Jesus knew the heart of the lawyer, refused to entertain his test, and left him unsatisfied. The lawyer revealed his own heart when he continued by asking, “Who is my neighbor?” He asked this question “to justify himself.”

You know how this story ends. Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan; Jesus asked the lawyer another question; and Jesus then convicted the lawyer with his own answer (read verses 36 and 37). Jesus rarely answered anyone’s questions outright. He often answered questions with questions as he pushed people to think critically.

Go back to Jesus’s original questions. What does the Bible say? How do you interpret it? The lawyer knew what the Bible said. However, he interpreted the Bible to justify himself, to confirm who he already was and what he was already doing.

It matters what the Bible says. AND it matters how we read it. The Bible is a unified collection of 66 books that came from God through human authors. Each verse of the Bible has an original meaning, an original context, and an original purpose. It’s impossible for us to read the Bible without interpreting it. If we are going to faithfully interpret the Bible, we must think critically.

Ask these questions to help you interpret any passage of scripture. What did this passage mean to the original audience? What are the differences between the original audience and me as a modern Bible student? What timeless principles can bridge the ancient context to my modern context? Is my understanding of this passage compatible with the whole of scripture? Once we’ve answered these questions, we can finally ask, “What does this passage mean FOR me?”

It matters what the Bible says, and it matters how we read it. When we read the Bible ask, “What does this passage mean TO me?”, we risk using the Bible to justify ourselves. Let’s be thoughtful not to approach the Bible the same way that the lawyer approached Jesus. Let’s not only know what the Bible says but also work to interpret it faithfully!

Caleb Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14



Kay Anderson, Angeline Bigbee and baby Lillian, Sue Brodie, Fred Bukowich, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Nathan Fisher, Mary Jane Flint, Katherine Enfield, Rile Friend, Sally Fry, Robin Haggard, James Honeycutt, Nathan Honeycutt, Jean Johnson, Joy Jones, Josiah Keith, Alice Kitch, Sonny Merrill, Lizzie and Brodie Miller, Bob Murch, Bob Murray, Scott Neel, Larry and Vickey Owen, Charles Phillips, Susan Phillips, Bill Reiboldt, Brandon Ross, Lawrence Sanders, Jennifer Thogmartin, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Debi Wince.

- Ken Tyler's pacemaker surgery was successful and he is feeling better. He is grateful for the prayers.
- Lawrence Sanders will have procedures on July 13 and 14 related to the aneurysm he had. He will remain in the hospital in Springfield for recovery.
- Lawrence's cousin, Richard Sanders. has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin lymphoma and would like our prayers. He lives in Arkansas.
- Vikki English will have surgery soon to remove a kidney and assess some other issues.
- Gary Cook's mother, Donna Ridinger, will have surgery in he near future for an unresolved bleeding issue.
- Baby Brodie Miller has been moved to Kansas City to receive help with his development. Continue to pray for his parents Melton and Lizzie and his uncle Dakota.
- Edith Toney will have an MRI on Thursday and meet with the doctor on Friday. She has requested prayers.



Today's Sermons

AM: *More on Membership*
(Danny Boggs)

PM: *Work Out Your Own Salvation*
(Phil. 2:12-13, Danny Boggs)

Congratulations to Eli and Savannah Giebler who were married on July 2 in a small ceremony.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know of someone in need, please tell Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



Wonderful Wednesday Nights is every Wednesday night in the activities center for all kids in grade 6 and under. There will be singing, lessons, videos and activities for their level. It is a great time to invite friends. This week they will learn about Jesus raising Jairus's daughter.



Our **Wednesday night summer series** for grade 7 through adults will meet in the auditorium. The theme is Filled with Wonder. This week Eli Giebler will be presenting the story of Jesus healing a servants severed ear.

Join us for **Men's BBQ Night** Tuesday at Rib Crib  in Joplin. The bus will leave our parking lot at 6:00.

Thursday Summer Devo for students in grades 7-12 and their parents will meet at Matt and Kayla Hayes' home this Thursday night at 6:00. Boys are asked to bring tortilla chips and drinks and girls are asked to bring a dessert. Wear clothes that you can get dirty in. Everyone bring a lawn chair and a friend and enjoy the evening.

Teen Service Project will be Friday night. Teens will be participating in making frozen meals to be used as needed. Plan to be a part of the night as we work together to serve others.

Ladies: **Church activities** for the next few months are on the board in the foyer. Please sign up to help.

Hillcrest Church,

Many thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, calls and food we received during Jack's illness and after his passing. The love and words of comfort meant so much to the Brodie family. It is a blessing to be a member of this church family.

Sue Brodie and family

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Jared Thomas
Communion Prayer: Alec Fehring
Prayer for the Offering: Andy Miller
PM Opening Prayer: Mike Kidwell
PM Closing Prayer: Kaed Thomas

This Wednesday

Announcements/Prayer: Carl Cobb
Singing: Caleb Boggs
Invitation: Eli Giebler
Closing Prayer: Noah Reiboldt

RECORDS	7-5-26	7-6-25
Bible Study	104	147
AM Worship	146	192
PM Worship	91	116
Wednesday	118	133
Contribution	\$9,645.68	\$7,833.77
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00