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## Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

**Digging Deeper:** What happens when men pursue evil?

Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Those who turn away from God are cursed.

Who does God curse? What will he be like? What is the person like who trusts in God? What is the problem of the heart? How will God reward each person? In what way?

Reading 2: Jeremiah 5:20-31 Those who do evil don't experience what is good.

Why should people fear God? What happens to people who don't do what is right?

Reading 3: Romans 1:28-32 Evil people don't hold on to knowledge of God.

What does it mean to retain knowledge of God? What happens to people who don't do that? What are the evil things people do? Why are those things evil?

Reading 4: Romans 2:5-11 Evil men store up God's wrath.

What will God do for those who pursue good? What will God do for those who pursue evil? What is a person like who pursues evil?

Reading 5: Ephesians 4:17-24 Evil people have darkened understanding and are separated from God

Who are the Gentiles? How do they live? Why do they live that way?

Reading 6: Psalm 36 Examining Our Own Society

Think about what is going on in our own society that would grieve God. Consider how you can remain righteous even in a wicked society.



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

### LESSON 28



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**What is the problem of the heart?**

### MEMORY VERSE

#### Jeremiah 17:9-10

<sup>9</sup>"The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,  
And desperately wicked; Who can know it?  
<sup>10</sup>I, the LORD, search the heart, / I test the mind,  
Even to give every man according to his ways,  
According to the fruit of his doings.

## Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

## Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

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**Reading 5:** Ephesians 4:17-24

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

**Reading 6:** Psalm 36

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## What is the problem of the heart?

The heart is deceitful and needs a cure.

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**DIGGING DEEPER**

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. You will be reading passages describing what happens when people pursue evil. As you read pray that your mind would be open to understand more fully the power that you have through Christ to live rightly. The questions for each reading are on the back cover. They will help you think more deeply about each passage.

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