

MISSIONAL BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

“The questions one asks will define the answers one gets” (*Treasure in Clay Jars*, p. 71). If so, we need to look carefully at the sorts of questions we ask when we study the Bible. If we grow in the direction of what we ask questions about, so what we study shapes how we experience the world and how we interpret Scripture. The Gospel and Our Culture Network has been experimenting with a different set of questions to guide personal and small group Bible study. They suggest that an alternative approach is necessary since “it is possible to be biblically centered, to expect and to experience biblical preaching, and not to be a church that acknowledges, much less practices, its missional calling. This is the crisis and the dilemma of much of the Western church. It is possible to study the Scriptures in such a way that its central emphasis upon formation for mission is missed” (p. 60).

A. CONTEXT: How does this text *read* us and our world?

B. GOSPEL: How does this text *evangelize* us with good news?

C. CHANGE: How does this text *convert* us in personal and corporate life?

D. MISSION: How does this text *send* us and equip our witness?

E. FUTURE: How does this text *orient* us to the coming reign of God?