**Internet Biblical Seminary (internetseminary.org)
Advanced Studies in the New Testament
Life Notebook**

STUDENT NAME

Instructions: Type *over* (not *after*) the word “ANSWER” to each question below. Simply double-click on each and share in 1-2 paragraphs your research, opinion, or application. Do not add extra return bars or page breaks and keep this in 12-point Times New Roman font. In general, students need to write at least 10 pages for a B and 20 pages for an A grade. Students must answer all 66 questions. This template begins with 12 pages so you should add at least 8 more pages to receive an A. Do not worry about widow headings as you would for a research paper. This edition 7 updates questions 20, 53, and 58.

# Lesson 1: Matthew

**1-Question 4: Matthew**

**The article mentions several different forces that affected the population's readiness for the Messiah. Describe these same forces in your society today. Tell how these forces influence your society's readiness to hear the gospel message.**

ANSWER (select this and type over it)

**2-Question 12: Matthew**

**If you were to view the kingdom as a future earthly one (reigning with Christ on this earth instead of being without a body in heaven), how would your Christian life change?**

ANSWER

**3-Question 15: Matthew**

**Are you personally convinced that Jesus is the Messiah whom God promised to send? If so, what qualifications did Jesus need to demonstrate before you accepted Him as the Messiah? If not, then what qualifications does He need to demonstrate before you will accept Him?**

ANSWER

**4-Question 21: Matthew**

**Why do you think Jesus spoke in parables when He could have spoken so clearly otherwise? How does your answer apply to us today? (**[**Mt 13**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=matthew&chapter=mat13.htm&bookmark=mat1301)**)**

ANSWER

**5-Question 22: Matthew**

**Why do you think God allowed Israel to reject His kingdom? Use Scripture to support your response.**

ANSWER

**6-Question 23: Matthew**

**As Christ's disciple, what is your *specific* role in making disciples to fulfill the Great Commission until Christ's kingdom is established? For example, will you use teaching, music, counseling, church planting, reaching youth, evangelizing the elderly, raising godly children, etc.?**

ANSWER

# Lesson 3: Luke

**7-Question 3: Luke**

**Luke wrote his gospel in a way that would appeal to Gentiles living in the first century. Who is your audience as you teach the gospel? What are the ways that you can teach your audience intellectually, socially, and spiritually so that they will understand Jesus' message?**

ANSWER

**8-Question 6: Luke**

**The article on Jesus' early life shows how God prepared Him for ministry. Write in your Life Notebook about how God has helped you to get ready for your ministry.**

ANSWER

**9-Question 13: Luke**

**Please open your Life Notebook and write about a time when you felt rejected. What was your instinctive response, and how do you think you should have responded based on the example of Jesus?**

ANSWER

**10-Question 16: Luke**

**Read the lyrics to the song** [**"Were You There?"**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/courses/NewTestament/articles/a_articles03.htm#were) **Write in your Life Notebook about how you feel when you imagine witnessing Jesus' suffering and death.**

ANSWER

**11-Question 20: Luke**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record your answers to the following: From God's perspective, Jesus' death was voluntary and in eternity past. But humanly speaking, God used Jesus' tragic death for the salvation of the world. Please reflect on a sorrowful event in your life that God eventually used for good. How does that experience help you to minister to fellow Christians in their difficulties?**

ANSWER

**12-Question 21: Luke**

**Consider these outcomes of the Resurrection and write in your Life Notebook about those which are the most meaningful to you.**

* **Christ's resurrection proves that Jesus taught the truth (**[**Acts 2:32, 36**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=acts&chapter=act02.htm&bookmark=act0232)**;** [**Jn 14:6**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=john&chapter=joh14.htm&bookmark=joh1406)**).**
* **Christ's resurrection gives you forgiveness (**[**Rom 4:25**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=romans&chapter=rom04.htm&bookmark=rom0425)**;** [**1 Cor 15:17-19**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1corinthians&chapter=1co15.htm&bookmark=1co1517)**;** [**1 Pet 1:3**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1peter&chapter=1pe01.htm&bookmark=1pe0103)**).**
* **Christ's resurrection gives you victory over sin in your life (**[**Rom 6:10-11, 14**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=romans&chapter=rom06.htm&bookmark=rom0610)**).**
* **Christ's resurrection gives you assurance of a new body in the future (**[**1 Cor 15:20, 51**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1corinthians&chapter=1co15.htm&bookmark=1co1520)**;** [**1 Jn 3:2**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1john&chapter=1jo03.htm&bookmark=1jo0302)**;** [**Lk 24:31, 36**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=luke&chapter=luk24.htm&bookmark=luk2431)**).**

ANSWER

# Lesson 2: Mark

**13-Question 4: Mark**

**Mark's gospel shows Jesus' struggle with temptation, and the disciples' failure to follow His commands. The article** [**"Introduction to Mark"**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/courses/NewTestament/articles/a_articles02.htm#intro) **argues that Mark includes these stories to show believers that even our greatest models of faith struggled to do what was right. What is one of your greatest struggles, and how do the disciples' stories inspire you?**

ANSWER

**14-Question 7: Mark**

[**Mk 1:12-13**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=mark&chapter=mar01.htm&bookmark=mar0112) **says that the Holy Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness to face Satan's temptations. One way to understand that passage is that Jesus was reluctant to face this trial, but He emerged victorious. How does Christ's example strengthen you for the temptations or the trials that you are reluctant to face?**

ANSWER

**15-Question 12: Mark**

**Jesus responded to opposition by walking away from trouble and doing good works. How do you respond to opposition? Are there ways you wish that you could change to better follow Christ's example?**

ANSWER

**16-Question 20: Mark**

**Mark was Peter's good friend, so why would his writings so often show Peter and the other disciples in an unflattering manner?**

ANSWER

**17-Question 21: Mark**

**Reflect on times when you have been like the disciples in Mark, sometimes serving Jesus faithfully, and sometimes giving in to temptation or persecution. What have you learned from your experiences about how to be a better disciple of Christ?**

ANSWER

**18-Question 22: Mark**

**Record anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications that you should make to your life. Note especially how often you mention Christ's resurrection when you share the gospel.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 4: John

**19-Question 18: John**

**John uses the word "believe" more than fifty times in his gospel to describe how people receive eternal life. Open your Life Notebook and record why you think he does not use the word "repent" even once in his gospel.**

ANSWER

**20-Question 19: John**

**Explain what you think the** [**John 2:23-25**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=john&chapter=joh02.htm&bookmark=joh0223) **passage means and how it fits into the argument of John's gospel. Did these who believed actually trust Christ for salvation? Many say “no” but would John change the meaning of “believe” this one time in his gospel?**

ANSWER

**21-Question 20: John**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 5: Acts

**22-Question 18: Acts**

**Please open your Life Notebook and evaluate the actions and reactions of the church in response to their prayers for Peter's deliverance in** [**Acts 12:1-17**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=acts&chapter=act12.htm&bookmark=act1201)**. Describe an experience in your life when your reaction to your own situation was similar to the believers at the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark.**

ANSWER

**23-Question 19: Acts**

**Study the conclusions of the Jerusalem Council in** [**Acts 15:19-21**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=acts&chapter=act15.htm&bookmark=act1519)**. Although not required to follow the Jewish law, Gentiles are asked to abide by four prohibitions. Describe in your Life Notebook why you think these rules were significant to the Gentiles then, and what they mean to the Christians today.**

ANSWER

**24-Question 20: Acts**

**In** [**Acts 16:6-7**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=acts&chapter=act16.htm&bookmark=act1606)**, the Holy Spirit forbids Paul from traveling either to Asia or to Bithynia, and redirects him to Macedonia. When has God prevented you from doing something that you thought was his will?**

ANSWER

**25-Question 21: Acts**

**Record in your Life Notebook anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 6: James and Galatians

**26-Question 4: James**

**James chastises the early Christians for being prejudiced against the poor in their congregations. Have you ever felt prejudice against anyone in your congregation? What did you do in that situation, and how might you change your response in the future?**

ANSWER

**27-Question 16: James**

**What other contrasts can you add to those listed above? Write them in your Life Notebook.**

ANSWER

**28-Question 19: James**

**Please open your Life Notebook and make two separate lists from the teachings in** [**Jas 5:1-6**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=james&chapter=jam05.htm&bookmark=jam0501)**. First, list "the troubles of the rich" and then, "the sins of the rich." After you have made your list, answer the following questions: Do you consider yourself wealthy in economic resources? How does this passage affect your attitude about material possessions?**

ANSWER

**29-Question 20: Galatians**

**In** [**Gal 6:12-14**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=galatians&chapter=gal06.htm&bookmark=gal0612)**, Paul gives a final warning not to trust his opponents. The opposition wanted to force practices such as circumcision on the believers, so that they could gain approval from other religious leaders and avoid persecution. In your Life Notebook, answer the following questions. Has there ever been a time when you have avoided or pursued patterns of behavior because you wanted approval or because you wanted to be the same as other people? How do you want to act differently in the future, based on what you have learned from Paul?**

ANSWER

**30-Question 21: Galatians**

**While few people today would be susceptible to the Judaizer attack on the gospel by adding circumcision, other false teachers add other requirements beyond simple faith in Christ. How have you distorted the true gospel by requiring baptism, speaking in tongues, certain sacraments, or good works in order to be saved? Also record anything new you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 7: 1 & 2 Thessalonians

**31-Question 18: 1 Thessalonians**

**Paul tells the Thessalonians to work diligently and live quietly in order not to be dependent on anyone (1 Thess 5:12-15; cf. 2 Thess 3:6-15). How does your lifestyle meet these standards? How can you and your church improve in following Paul's guidance?**

ANSWER

**32-Question 19: 1-2 Thessalonians**

**In this lesson you learned different Christian views on the Rapture, the Tribulation, and Christ's return. Based on your readings, which of the ideas do you agree with, and why?**

ANSWER

**33-Question 20: 1-2 Thessalonians**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 8: 1 & 2 Corinthians

**34-Question 19: 1 Corinthians**

**Paul wrote to the Corinthians after he had received bad reports from both Chloe's household and the Corinthian church. These reports were about difficulties, divisions, and disorders in the church. Imagine that you are writing to Paul about difficulties in your church. Explain the problems to him, and then, based on his response to the Corinthians, write the response letter from Paul that shows the kind of guidance you think you would receive from him.**

ANSWER

**35-Question 20: 1 Corinthians**

**How are disputes resolved in your church? How can you apply Paul's advice to improve how disputes are resolved?**

ANSWER

**36-Question 21: 1 Corinthians**

**Please read** [**1 Cor 14**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1corinthians&chapter=1co14.htm&bookmark=1co1401) **on orderly worship. Then open your Life Notebook and record Paul's guidelines for orderly worship. Organize them into the categories that are most helpful to you.**

ANSWER

**37-Question 22: 2 Corinthians**

**Do you frequently criticize your spiritual leaders? In other words, do you have a problem submitting to authority? If you are a spiritual leader yourself, are you fearful of defending your God-given spiritual authority? In your Life Notebook, record any insights that God has given you in this lesson, and include how you will apply these to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 9: Romans

**38-Question 18: Romans**

**Read** [**Rom 2:6-8**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=romans&chapter=rom02.htm&bookmark=rom0206)**. In isolation, this passage may seem to teach that it is possible to be saved by works, which would contradict Paul's teaching in the rest of Romans. Please explain these verses in your Life Notebook.**

ANSWER

**39-Question 19: Romans**

**Some Christians think that the church has replaced the nation of Israel as God's chosen people. These Christians also believe that Israel's unfulfilled promises have been or will be fulfilled by the church. Please open your Life Notebook and make two sections. From the teachings in** [**Rom 9:1-11:36**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=romans&chapter=rom09.htm&bookmark=rom0901)**, in the first section write Paul's statements that seem to support the church as the new Israel. In the second section, write the statements that seem to support a future for ethnic, believing Jews. Which view seems more scriptural?**

**Seeming to Support the Church as the New Israel**

ANSWER

**Seeming to Support Israel as Ethnic, Believing Jews with a Future**

ANSWER

**My Conclusion Which View is More Scriptural and Why**

ANSWER

**40-Question 20: Romans**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications that you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 10: Ephesians and Colossians

**41-Question 19: Ephesians and Colossians**

**There are two theories for how to get people to live the Christian life. One says that they must show fruit and that their assurance of salvation can be taken away if they do not act "Christian." The other theory emphasizes the believers' position with secure salvation and asks them to live up to that level. Open your Life Notebook and record the approach Paul takes in both Ephesians and Colossians. Support your conclusion with specific passages taken in context.**

ANSWER

**42-Question 19: Colossians**

**Please open your Life Notebook and note how you may be encountering a heresy like the Colossians faced. Record any help you have received from this lesson, and include specific applications you will make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 11: Philemon and Philippians

**43-Question 19: Philemon**

**Open your Life Notebook and read through Philemon. As you read, write down all the ways this letter illustrates the work of Christ. It is amazing how many illustrations there are in this one short book.**

ANSWER

**44-Question 20: Philemon and Philippians**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 12: 1 & 2 Peter

**45-Question 18: 1 Peter**

**For wives, in what area do you have the most difficulty submitting to your husband? For husbands, in what area do you have the most difficulty submitting to your wife? For those not married, in what area and circumstance do you have the most difficult time submitting to proper authority?**

ANSWER

**46-Question 17: 2 Peter**

**What decision have you made differently due to knowing Christ could return at any moment?**

ANSWER

**47-Question 20: 1-2 Peter**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 14: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus

**48-Question 18: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus**

**Please open your Life Notebook and write out your responses to the following statements on church discipline:**

**1. Telling others the truth and administering justice are more important than unity (**[**1 Cor 6:6-7**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1corinthians&chapter=1co06.htm&bookmark=1co0606)**).**

ANSWER

**2. A church can deteriorate to the point where discipline should not be enacted.**

ANSWER

**3. A church leader who fears disciplining overt sin should be replaced.**

ANSWER

**49-Question 19: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus**

**Please read** [**1 Tim 3:1-13**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1timothy&chapter=1ti03.htm&bookmark=1ti0301) **and** [**Tit 1:5-9**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=titus&chapter=tit01.htm&bookmark=tit0105)**. As you read, open your Life Notebook and write out the qualifications for elders and deacons. Then, evaluate yourself according to these qualities. Even if you could never become an elder or deacon in your church, which ones do you meet and where do you need improvement? Choose one area that you need to improve on and make it a matter of prayer and obedience.**

Qualifications of Elders

ANSWER

Qualifications of Deacons

ANSWER

Area to Improve

ANSWER

**50-Question 20: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 13: Hebrews

**51-Question 18: Hebrews**

**From the table in Topic 4 titled *The Hall of Faith*, try to discern in your own life what challenge of faith you personally face. It can be a past, a present or a future challenge. What do you need to do to demonstrate your faith? Open your Life Notebook and record your answer.**

ANSWER

**52-Question 19: Hebrews**

**We often share how Christ has changed our lives—that is wonderful. But each of us also is still tempted by certain aspects of our pre-Christian life. These temptations often come from the religious philosophy that we held before becoming a Christian—Buddhist, atheist, agnostic, nominal Christian, etc. Please open your Life Notebook and record the things from those days which still tempt you today, such as having more time, legalism, freedom, etc.**

ANSWER

**53-Question 20: Hebrews**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record your view of the warning passages of Hebrews 6 and 10 and how this applies to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 15: John's Epistles & Jude

**54-Question 19**

**The letter of 1 John talks about knowing that you have eternal life (**[**1 Jn 5:13**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1john&chapter=1jo05.htm&bookmark=1jo0513)**). Please open your Life Notebook and explain why you think many people have difficulty in accepting the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer.**

ANSWER

**55-Question 20: 3 John**

**Please research a way to support Christian missions that is in agreement with your conscience before God. Please open your Life Notebook, record your plan, and make sure to follow through with it!**

ANSWER

**56-Question 21: John's Epistles & Jude**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications that you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

# Lesson 16: Revelation

**57-Question 18: Revelation**

**As you have seen, Revelation is full of symbolism. Please open your Life Notebook and explain why you think it is written in symbolic language instead of plain language. What does the symbolism accomplish that plain words would not?**

ANSWER

**58-Question 19: Revelation**

**In** [**1 Jn 5:4-5**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=1john&chapter=1jo05.htm&bookmark=1jo0504)**, John gives a definition of the one who overcomes the world. He also refers to an overcomer in** [**Rev 2:1-3:22**](http://internetseminary.org/language/en/curriculum/netbible/NetBible.htm?bookdir=revelation&chapter=rev02.htm&bookmark=rev0201)**. Please open your Life Notebook and answer the following questions: Are the conquerors in these two passages the same or does Revelation refer only to faithful Christians? Why or why not?**

ANSWER

**59-Question 20: Revelation**

**Please open your Life Notebook and record anything new that you have learned from this lesson, and include any applications that you should make to your life.**

ANSWER

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