



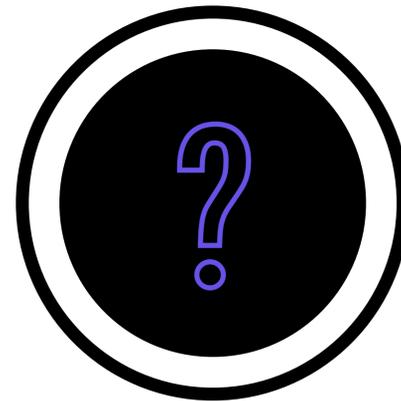
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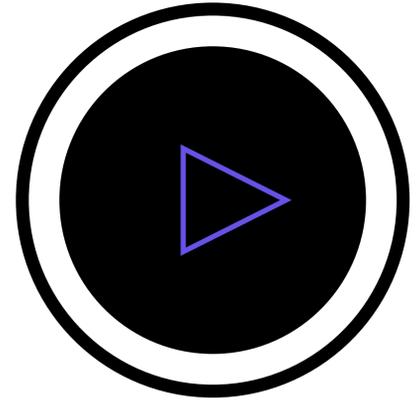




HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?



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**01**

What was the most interesting thing you discovered about Jewish literature? Does what you learned answer questions you had about the Bible? If yes, give examples.

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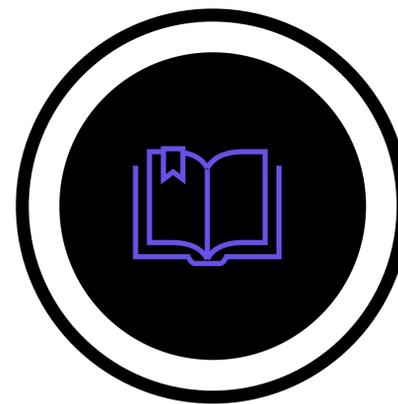
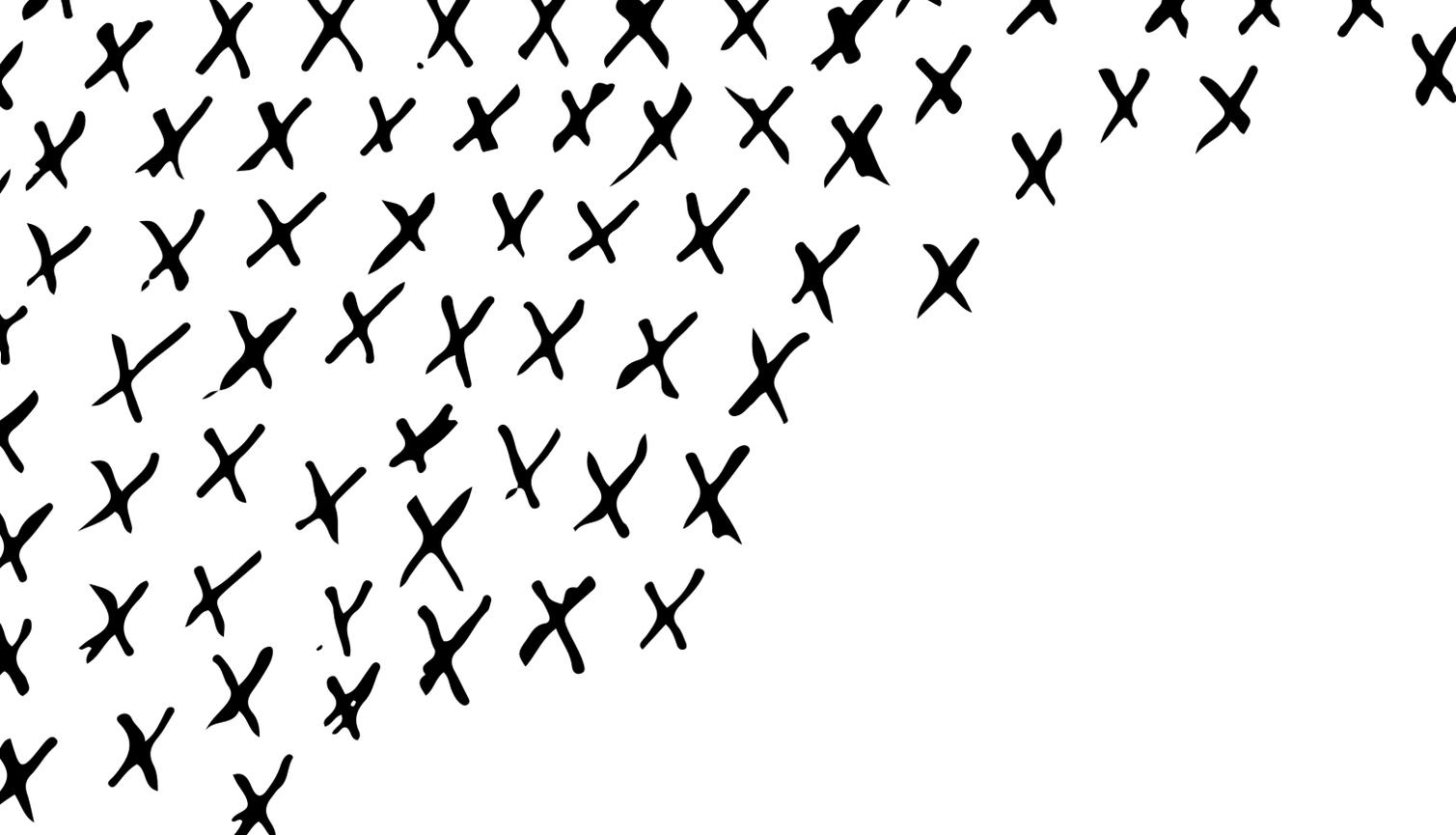
Do you agree that the lack of details in some of the stories leads to “people filling in the gaps” based on their own culture? Have you experienced the type of treasure hunt that the “missing” details lead you on? What was the topic you researched?

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Psalm 1 encourages you to “mutter” about the Bible every day for the rest of your life. Have you been able to make that a reality? Why or why not?

04

In what ways is the Bible like any other engaging story? In what ways is it totally different?

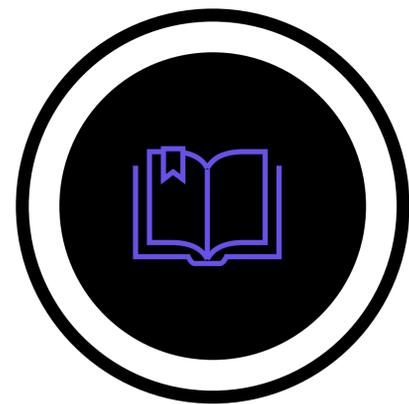


Oh, the joys of those who **do not follow the advice of the wicked**, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they **delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night**. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be **condemned at the time of judgment**. Sinners will have **no place among the godly**. For the **Lord watches over the path of the godly**, but the **path of the wicked leads to destruction**.

(Psalm 1)

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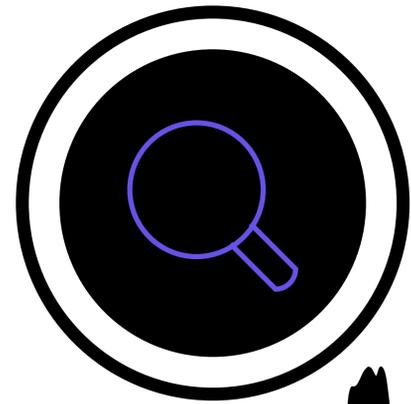


How can a young person stay pure? By **obeying your word**. I have tried hard to find you—don't let me wander from your commands. I have **hidden your word** in my heart, that **I might not sin** against you. I praise you, O Lord; **teach me your decrees**.

I have **recited aloud** all the regulations you have given us. I have **rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches**. I will **study your commandments** and **reflect on your ways**. I will **delight in your decrees** and **not forget your word**.

(Psalm 119:9-16)

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01

How does the Bible describe the wicked? How does it describe the righteous?

02

Why does God draw a parallel between those who delight in his word and a tree? What's another analogy God uses in Psalm 1?

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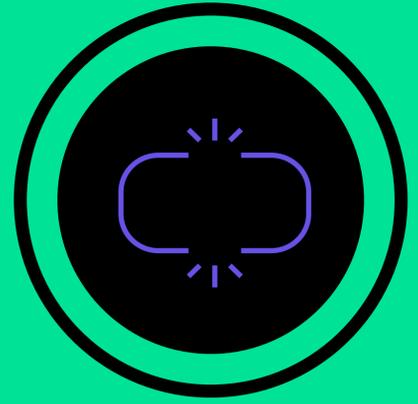
What do you think "staying pure" meant to Jews when this psalm was written? Has that definition changed today? How would you ask this question in the language of your generation?

04

How can you "hide" God's word in your heart? What are some of the benefits of hiding God's word?

05

What do you think of the phrase "I have rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches". Have you ever felt the same way?



01

Are there ways in which you have questioned the authority of the Bible? Have you resolved these questions or do you need to dig deeper?



02

What are some specific ways you develop a deeper appreciation for God's word? What will be your first step?

03

When you encounter a section of scripture that you do not understand, do you...

- 1. Research the section in reference materials?*
- 2. Pray that the Spirit would open your eyes to the truth?*
- 3. Ask a trusted leader or mentor?*
- 4. All three*
- 5. None of the above*

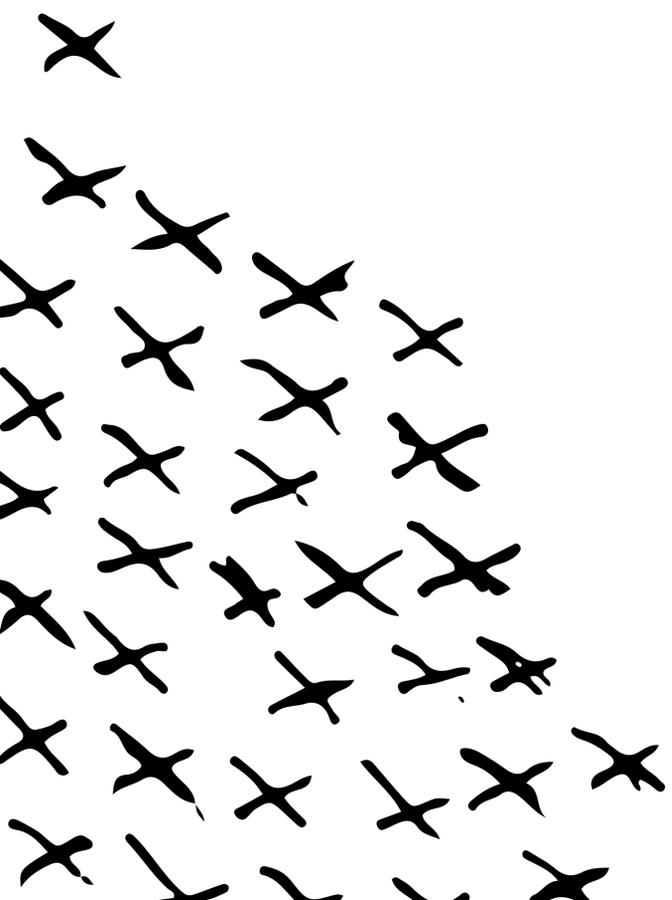
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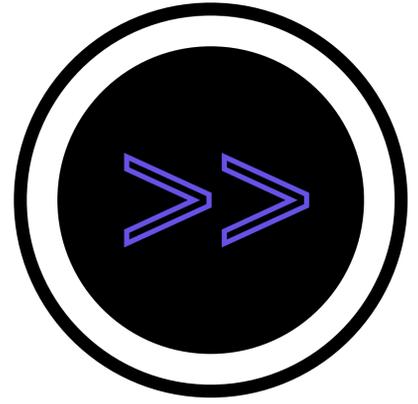
Are there areas of the Bible that make you feel joy? Peace? Anger? Confusion? Shame? Are you comfortable expressing all of these emotions or are only some of them safe to share in church?



Q: HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?

A: The Holy Spirit guides us into truth by leading us to meet with Jesus when we open the Bible.





1. What obstacles have kept you from trusting the truths found in the Bible completely? Are you willing to put in the work necessary to uncover answers to your questions?

2. What verses have impacted your life in the past week? Month? Year?

3. Are you prepared to commit to a more regular program of scripture memorization and Bible reading?





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