

Study Guide on Ezekiel 18:1-13, 31-32

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Ezekiel 18:1-13, 31-32

(Ezekiel 18:1) Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

(Ezekiel 18:2) “What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, ‘The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

(Ezekiel 18:3) “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “you are surely not going to use this proverb in Israel anymore.

(Ezekiel 18:4) “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

(Ezekiel 18:5) “But if a man is righteous and practices justice and righteousness,

(Ezekiel 18:6) and does not eat at the mountain shrines or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor’s wife or approach a woman during her menstrual period—

(Ezekiel 18:7) if a man does not oppress anyone, but restores to the debtor his pledge, does not commit robbery, but gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with clothing,

(Ezekiel 18:8) if he does not lend money on interest or take increase, if he keeps his hand from iniquity and executes true justice between man and man,

(Ezekiel 18:9) if he walks in My statutes and My ordinances so as to deal faithfully—he is righteous and will surely live,” declares the Lord GOD.

(Ezekiel 18:10) “Then he may have a violent son who sheds blood and who does any of these things to a brother

(Ezekiel 18:11) (though he himself did not do any of these things), that is, he even eats at the mountain shrines, and defiles his neighbor's wife,

(Ezekiel 18:12) oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not restore a pledge, but lifts up his eyes to the idols and commits abomination,

(Ezekiel 18:13) he lends money on interest and takes increase; will he live? He will not live! He has committed all these abominations, he will surely be put to death; his blood will be on his own head.

(Ezekiel 18:31) "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?"

(Ezekiel 18:32) "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord GOD. "Therefore, repent and live."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?