

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

New International Version

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) The word of the LORD came to me:

(Ezekiel 18:2) “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: “‘The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

(Ezekiel 18:3) “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.

(Ezekiel 18:4) For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

(Ezekiel 18:5) “Suppose there is a righteous man who does what is just and right.

(Ezekiel 18:6) He does not eat at the mountain shrines or look to the idols of Israel. He does not defile his neighbor’s wife or have sexual relations with a woman during her period.

(Ezekiel 18:7) He does not oppress anyone, but returns what he took in pledge for a loan. He does not commit robbery but gives his food to the hungry and provides clothing for the naked.

(Ezekiel 18:8) He does not lend to them at interest or take a profit from them. He withholds his hand from doing wrong and judges fairly between two parties.

(Ezekiel 18:9) He follows my decrees and faithfully keeps my laws. That man is righteous; he will surely live, declares the Sovereign LORD.

(Ezekiel 18:10) “Suppose he has a violent son, who sheds blood or does any of these other things

(Ezekiel 18:11) (though the father has done none of them): “He eats at the mountain shrines. He defiles his neighbor’s wife.

(Ezekiel 18:12) He oppresses the poor and needy. He commits robbery. He does not return what he took in pledge. He looks to the idols. He does detestable things.

(Ezekiel 18:13) He lends at interest and takes a profit. Will such a man live? He will not! Because he has done all these detestable things, he is to be put to death; his blood will be on his own head.

(Ezekiel 18:31) Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel?

(Ezekiel 18:32) For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. 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?