

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

New Revised Standard 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 mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”?

(Ezekiel 18:3) As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

(Ezekiel 18:4) Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

(Ezekiel 18:5) If a man is righteous and does what is lawful and right—

(Ezekiel 18:6) if he does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, does not defile his neighbor’s wife or approach a woman during her menstrual period,

(Ezekiel 18:7) does not oppress anyone, but restores to the debtor his pledge, commits no robbery, gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment,

(Ezekiel 18:8) does not take advance or accrued interest, withholds his hand from iniquity, executes true justice between contending parties,

(Ezekiel 18:9) follows my statutes, and is careful to observe my ordinances, acting faithfully—such a one is righteous; he shall surely live, says the Lord GOD.

(Ezekiel 18:10) If he has a son who is violent, a shedder of blood,

(Ezekiel 18:11) who does any of these things (though his father does none of them), who eats upon the mountains, defiles his neighbor's wife,

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

(Ezekiel 18:13) takes advance or accrued interest; shall he then live? He shall not. He has done all these abominable things; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon himself.

(Ezekiel 18:31) Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

(Ezekiel 18:32) For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, 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?