

“The Context of Jesus”

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,”— John 5:39

Objective

The goal of this week’s discussion is to discover the basic theme that gives coherence to the Bible's teachings. The questions are designed to put the Bible together in a way that people can make better sense out of it as a whole.

- 1) What does the OT teach us? Why do we need the OT to understand the NT?
- 2) Have you found it difficult to read the Old Testament? What has been your biggest obstacle? How does the fact that the OT reveals Christ help your reading of the Bible?
- 3) How and where do you see the unfolding plan of God leading to Christ in the OT?
- 4) In what ways did Jesus fulfil God's intention?

Answer: *The birth, life, teaching, death, and resurrection are all seen as the fulfilment of prophecy made years before Jesus' life on earth. God was actively involved with the unfolding of this plan he had laid out.*

- 5) Why would he pay such a painful personal price to complete his task and why would God continue to protect and make a way for reconciliation for those who rebelled against Him?