

Study Questions from 22.09.2019 sermon

Context

- i. What is the context of v39-40; What has happened so far in the narrative? Any major events, characters or themes? Are there shocks or surprises? What has happened in the chapters prior to chapter 5?

Don't miss the main point

- ii. In v39b Jesus tells us the (OT) Bible is all about him "These are the very scriptures that testify about me." Don Carson mentions 4 ways in which the OT testifies to Christ. What are they?
- iii. Where else do we see Jesus in the Old Testament?
- iv. Finish the sentence by listing as many things as possible: "If we miss Jesus when we read the Bible, then we'll miss..."

How can we prevent ourselves missing the main thing?

- v. Don't cherry pick. How can we avoid only reading the 'nice' or 'easy' parts of the Bible?
- vi. What good resources have you found that help you read the (whole) Bible?
- vii. Give examples of the right questions we should ask as we study the Bible.

How did they manage to miss the main thing?

- viii. The problem was their hearts. Scan through v39–44. What do these verses tell us about their hearts and what their 'heart-motivation' was?
- ix. How can we check whether or not our hearts have become smug/unloving/proud/independent/hard/etc. and what can we do to get our hearts healthy?