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Bible Geography ~ Circle the right answer:

1) The meek will inherit:

- A - The mountains.
- B - The garden.
- C - The earth.
- D - Peace.

2) Jesus gave His sermon starting in Matthew 5 from which geographical feature?

- A - On a river in a boat
- B - On a mountain
- C - On a plain
- D - In a valley

3) Lebanon was at one time known for its:

- A - Forests.
- B - Deserts.
- C - Pools.
- D - Wells.

4) Matthew speaks of famines, pestilences, and these in various places.

- A - Flooding
- B - Hail
- C - Thunderstorms
- D - Earthquakes

5) In the beginning, the earth was without form and covered with:

- A - Water.
- B - Fire.
- C - Debris.
- D - Forest.

6) Although raised in Nazareth, Jesus was born in this city near Jerusalem.

- A - Bethel
- B - Philadelphia
- C - Tyre
- D - Bethlehem

7) To escape the Egyptians, the Hebrews crossed this body of water.

- A - The Nile River
- B - The Red Sea
- C - The Jordan River
- D - The Mediterranean Sea

8) David was king in this city before he reigned in Jerusalem.

- A - Hinnom
- B - Bethel
- C - Hebron
- D - Bethlehem

9) This church in Asia was mentioned in Revelation and means 'brotherly love'.

- A - Agape
- B - Magog
- C - Philadelphia
- D - Jerusalem

10) From which Philistine city was Goliath?

- A - Ekron
- B - Damascus
- C - Ashkelon
- D - Gath

11) The queen of which land came to meet Solomon?

- A - Samaria
- B - Syria
- C - Sheba
- D - Smyrna

12) According to Jesus' parable of the sower, a person who receives the word happily, but falls away due to persecution is described as this type of ground.

- A - Thorny
- B - Rocky
- C - Fertile
- D - Blossoming

13) The Psalmist describes the Messiah's kingdom stretching from:

- A - The Red Sea to the Great Sea.
- B - Shore to shore.
- C - Sea to sea.
- D - The shore to the far lands.

14) The Apocalypse was written from which island?

- A - Tarshish
- B - Madagascar
- C - Cyprus
- D - Patmos

15) "These were more noble...in that they received the word...and searched the scriptures daily."

- A - Those in Ephesus
- B - Those in Berea
- C - Those in Thessalonica
- D - Those in Galatia

16) According to Zechariah 14:4, in that day his feet shall stand on:

- A - Mt. Zion.
- B - Mt. Hermon.
- C - Mt. of Olives.
- D - Mt. Ararat.

17) Job was a native of this land.

- A - Uz
- B - Ur
- C - Upharsin
- D - Meshech

18) The LORD will gather all nations and plead with them in the valley of:

- A - Kidron.
- B - The plain.
- C - Hinnom.
- D - Jehoshaphat.

19) Joseph (surnamed Barnabas) sold land in this country.

- A - Turkey
- B - Cyprus
- C - Italy
- D - Sicily

20) The location of the palace of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes)

- A - Simeon
- B - Cyprus
- C - Shushan
- D - Babylon

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All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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Happy Birthday



Psalms 14:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

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Let's Go Fishing

Luke 5:1-11 *And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. 7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.*

Jesus, as He was calling out His disciples, said He was going to make them "fishermen of men." He then set out to train and teach them the process of being successful at their calling.

Every spring time I think of this a lot. For years I used to go fishing in Lake Ontario for bullheads and perch. One thing about fishing for men is that we do not have to wait for spring; we can go soul winning all year round. In New York, the winter time does prevent us from going out sometimes due to bad weather. **We, who have been called of God**, must be taught and trained to function properly in our calling. I trust this may give us food for thought on "How to be successful fishers of men."

Just like in Luke 5:2, we must prepare the nets.

Luke 5:2 *And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.*

Our lives must be clean. We need to keep our sins confessed. **We can't be effective soul winners with unclean nets.**

2 Corinthians 7:1 *Having, then, these promises, beloved, may we cleanse ourselves from every pollution of flesh and spirit, perfecting sanctification in the fear of God;*

We must mend our nets.

Mark 1:19 *And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.*

Tears, holes, and rips represent a spirit of division. Our nets must be mended before we can be effective fishers of men. Too many times I have seen people with bitterness, pride, or hurt feelings by another Christian. They don't make it. They don't finish their course. They missed it. They never got their nets mended. There was a hole, a rip, or a tear; and they never got it mended.

Mended defined: To remove damage.

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A Letter from Satan

I saw you yesterday as you began your daily chores. You awoke without kneeling to pray. As a matter of fact, you didn't even bless your meals or pray before going to bed last night. You are so unthankful. I like that about you. I can not tell you how glad I am that you are mine. Remember, you and I have been going steady for years, and I don't love you yet. As a matter of fact, I hate you. I hate you because I hate God. I'm only using you to get even with God. He kicked me out of Heaven, and I'm going to use you as long as possible to pay Him back. You see, fool, God loves you, and He has great plans in store for you, but you have yielded your life to me, and I'm going to make your life a living hell. That way we'll be together twice. This will really hurt God. Thanks to you, I'm really showing Him who's boss in your life with all the good times we have had watching dirty movies, cussing folks out, partying, stealing, lying, cheating, being a hypocrite, fornicating, over eating, smoking, drinking, playing hooky from church, telling dirty jokes, gossiping, and backstabbing folks.

Surely you don't want to give all of this up? Come on, fool, let's burn together forever! I've got some hot plans for us. This is just a letter of appreciation from me to you. I'd like to say thanks for letting me use you for most of your life. Fool, you are so gullible. I laugh at you when you are tempted to sin and give in. You even make me sick! Sin is beginning to take a toll on your life, you look 20 years older. I need some new blood. So, go ahead, teach the little kids how to sin, cheat, gamble, gossip, fornicate, cuss, over eat, miss Sunday school and weeknight services, party hearty, and listen and dance to the top ten jams. Do all of this in the presence of children, and they will do it too. Kids are like that. Well, fool, I've gotta go now. I'll be back in a few seconds to tempt you again. If you were smart, you would run somewhere, confess your sins, and live for God with what little bit of life you have left.

It's not my nature to warn anyone, but to be your age and still be sinning is becoming a bit ridiculous. Don't get me wrong, I still hate you. It's just that you'd make a better fool for Christ. If you really love me, you will not share this letter.

Till death brings us together,
Satan

P.S. Tell those so-called "Christians" that they're doing a good job preaching one thing and living something else.

1 Corinthians 10:13 *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

Camping Grounds

My friend is a rather old-fashioned lady, quite elegant and delicate, especially in her choice of language. She and her

husband were planning a weeklong camping trip, so she wrote to the campground for reservations. She didn't quite know how to ask about toilet facilities. She didn't want to write toilet in her letter.

After much deliberation, she thought of the old-fashioned term, "Bathroom Commode." But when she wrote it down, she thought she was being too forward, so she rewrote the entire letter and referred to the bathroom commode as the B.C. "Does your campground have its own B.C.?" she asked in her letter.

Well, the campground owner wasn't old-fashioned at all, and when he got this letter, he couldn't figure out what she was talking about. The "B.C." business had stumped him. After giving it much thought, the owner decided that she must be asking about the location for the local Baptist Church, so he wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam:

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take the pleasure of informing you that the B.C. is located six miles north of the campground. It is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I will admit that it is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly. No doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it.

The last time my wife and I went was six months ago and it was so crowded that we had to stand up the whole time. Right now, there is a supper planned to raise money for more seats. It will be held in the basement of the B.C.

I would like to say that it pains me that I am not able to go more regularly, but it is not for lack of desire on my part. As we grow older, it seems to be more of an effort, especially in cold weather.

If you decide to come to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time that you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks. Remember that this is a very friendly community.

The Campground Owner

Elijah the Prophet

A Sunday School teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this three times.

"Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy," came her enthusiastic reply.

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Let's Go Fishing

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Each one of us needs to focus on the same thing. We need to cast our nets.

Mark 1:16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a **net into the sea: for they were fishers.**

Casting represents soul winning.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Fishermen plied their trade daily.

We need to have the Master on board. Christ must have control.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

The captain of a ship is in control of not only the vessel but also everyone on board. So must Christ be captain of our vessel. He knows how to fish, where to fish, and where the hungry ones are. He knows the hot spots. We have the range finder - the Holy Spirit of God.

We need to thrust out from shore.

In order to catch big fish, they had to get away from shore. We too must thrust out to where the people are. Today we tend to cloister ourselves in a building, expecting the unbelievers to come to us, to our way of doing things. These fishermen did it their way all night and were unable to catch fish. It is so much easier to just invite people to our services than to sit down one-on-one and share Christ with them. We need to thrust out. Many have a fear of water and trust the security of the shore. Likewise, many have a fear of stepping out in faith to witness one-on-one. We must thrust out.

Matthew 22:9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

Do not get discouraged by failure. I work on a bus. One Sunday, I saw three kids playing when I dropped other kids off. I said, "I have to talk to the parents." I knocked on the door, got two words out, and slam!! The door was shut. But I just keep on keeping on.

Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

They caught nothing. How frustrating it must be to labor all night and see no fruit of their labor. Jesus gave them the formula for success, and they caught more than they could hold. It was apparent, they were not doing it the Master's way. Not only in the world around us, but also more so in the church, there is a sense of discouragement. We labor on and on and, for the most part, see no results. That discouragement leads to many saying, "What's the use?" and wanting to give up. Maybe we are trying too hard to do it our way, and our way isn't working. Maybe we put too much on others who are not prepared for the task. It may be that we need to examine ourselves and re-think our methods.

The Lord said in **Isaiah 55:9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, **so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.** Maybe we need to depend on His ways which are successful.

Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

We need to be like Peter. The Lord says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

We need to say, **"YES, SIR," AND GO!**

Pet Fish

A man was stopped by the fish and game warden in Alberta recently. He had with him two buckets of fish. He was leaving Shaw's Point on Slave Lake, well known for its great fishing.

The fish and game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch all those fish?"

The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?" the warden replied.

"Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around. After a while, I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take them back home again."

"That's a bunch of hogwash! Fish can't do that!" was the outburst from the warden.

The man looked at the game warden for a moment and then said: "Here, I'll show you. It really works."

"OK. I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious now.

The man poured the two buckets of fish into the lake and stood and waited.

After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?"

"Well, what?" the man responded.

"When are you going to call them back?" The game warden prompted.

"Call who back?" the man asked.

"The FISH," the warden said.

"What fish?" the man asked.



Blondes Lose Car Keys

Two blondes were going to the mall. When they got out of the car, they started tossing the car keys back and forth. One of the blondes missed, and the keys flew into the sewer drainpipe.

The other blonde tried to reach them but couldn't. So, she called a locksmith and a cop. When the two got there, the blondes explained what happened, and then the cop tried to reach the keys but couldn't.

Finally, the locksmith opened the door. The blonde that missed the keys in the first place said, "Whew...for a second there, I thought we might have needed to use the SPARE key." ;)

Bible Geography Answers

- 1) C - The earth. *Matthew 5:5*
- 2) B - On a mountain *Matthew 5:1*
- 3) A - Forests. *2 Chronicles 2:8*
- 4) D - Earthquakes *Matthew 24:7*
- 5) A - Water. *Genesis 1:2*
- 6) D - Bethlehem *Luke 2:4*
- 7) B - The Red Sea *Exodus 15:22*
- 8) C - Hebron *2 Samuel 2:11*
- 9) C - Philadelphia *Revelation 3:7*
- 10) D - Gath *1 Samuel 17:4*
- 11) C - Sheba *1 Kings 10:1*
- 12) B - Rocky *Matthew 13:20-21*
- 13) C - Sea to sea. *Psalms 72:8*
- 14) D - Patmos *Revelation 1:9*
- 15) B - Those in Berea *Acts 17:10-11*
- 16) C - Mt. of Olives. *Zechariah 14:4*
- 17) A - Uz *Job 1:1*
- 18) D - Jehoshaphat. *Joel 3:2*
- 19) B - Cyprus *Acts 4:36-37*
- 20) C - Shushan *Esther 1:2*

*Blonde Password*

Ever wonder how blondes remember their passwords? During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password: MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofy. When asked why such a big password, she said, "It had to be at least 8 characters long."

Brunette vs. Blonde

There was a brunette walking on a railroad track saying, "22, 22, 22, 22..." A blonde walking nearby heard the brunette. So the blonde asked if she could join the brunette. The brunette said sure and together they said, "22, 22, 22, 22..." Later on, a train comes down the track. The brunette jumps off, but the blonde is not so lucky. So, the brunette jumps back on the track after the train is gone and says, "23, 23, 23, 23..."

Blonde Computer Problems

One day a blonde was having trouble with her computer so she calls tech support. "Hello, how can I help you?" the tech support woman says. "Yes, I am having trouble getting my computer to do anything," the blonde says. "What window do you have open?" "Are you crazy! It's freezing cold outside!"

Runaway Train

A blonde woman was standing near a train platform in New York with a pair of handcuffs and some rope. A gentleman, being curious, asked the blonde what the handcuffs and rope were for.



The blonde responded by saying, "The news reported a runaway train heading to New York, and I want the reward for the capture."

A Brunette, Redhead, and Blonde

One day a blonde, a brunette, and a redhead were being chased by the police. The girls decided to go up 3 different trees and hide. The brunette hid in the apple tree. The redhead hid in the lemon tree, and the blonde hid in the oak tree. The policeman went to the apple tree and said, "Is there anyone up there?" The brunette went, "Meow." The policeman said to himself, "Oh, it's just a cat stuck up in a tree!" Then he went over to the lemon tree and said, "Is there anyone up there?" The redhead went, "Bark, bark." The policeman said to himself, "Oh, it's just a dog stuck up in a tree!" Then he went over to the oak tree and said, "Is there anyone up there?" The blonde went, "Acorn, acorn!"

Ice Fishing

There once was a blonde who had always heard about ice fishing, so one day she tried it. She went to an icy area, cut a hole, and started fishing. All of a sudden, she hears a voice. "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!" She ignores it and moves to another area, cutting a hole and beginning to fish again. Again she hears the booming voice. "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!!" She is starting to get freaked out now. "Lord? Is that you?" she asks. In reply she hears, "NO, THIS IS THE RINK MANAGER!"

The Bait

A gentleman strolling alongside a canal observed an old man and a boy fishing. A moment later, a splash was heard. The boy had fallen into the water. The old man, however, jumped in after the lad and succeeded in getting him safely to the bank.

There he stood the victim on his head to let the water drain out, and it was at this moment that the gentleman arrived on the scene with profuse expressions of admiration for the prompt rescue.

"It was noble of you," the gentleman declared rather rhetorically, "to plunge into the water in that way at the risk of your life to save the boy. I congratulate you on your brave display of heroic magnanimity."

The old man answered with an amiable grin:

"All right, boss. Ah don't know nuffin' 'bout magn'imity. But I just had to git dat boy out a de water. He had de bait in his pocket."

That Is All Folks!