

# I'll Take the High Road – AK 11

## COMMENTER'S GUIDE

### WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

#### **Questions 1 – Name & summarize the 3 ministries of the Spirit in relationship to the lost world.**

##### **1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS**

- 1) *A Reproving Ministry* - He convicts the world of their individual sin, of their need for righteousness, and of the imminent judgement.
- 2) *A Regenerating Ministry* - It is the Spirit who imparts the life of Christ to believers.
- 3) *A Restraining Ministry* - The Spirit keeps human wickedness in check so that the world isn't overrun with evil (2 Thessalonians 2:7).

##### **1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS**

##### **1 - VERSES**

#### **Questions 2 – List the 4 principal rules of Bible study (ch. 11). Which rule do you consider to be most important?**

##### **2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS**

- 1) *The Literal Rule* - this rule states that as far as is possible, the Bible should be taken literally. If the plain sense makes sense we should seek no other sense.
- 2) *The Poetic Rule* - The Bible is often full of imagery, symbolism and figures of speech. When reading the Bible we need to be aware when it is using "poetic" language and seek the literal truths being conveyed through the expression.
- 3) *The Spiritual Rule* - before a person can truly understand the Bible they need to be born again and guided by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14).
- 4) *The Contextual Rule* - If verses are isolated and pulled from their context in the Bible they can be easily misapplied and used to say things they were never intended to say. By knowing and understanding the context in which the verse was written, a person can be kept from error.

##### **2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS**

##### **2 - VERSES**

## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

### EXAM 1 – Explain how and when you were born into God’s family.

#### **1 - COMMENTS**

- Student’s own. Did they believe on the name of Jesus? Did they receive Him as their Savior? (John 1:12-13) Their account should not be because they were born into a Christian family. It should not be because of any new resolution or intentions to merely better their life.

#### **1 - VERSES**

- [John 1:12-13](#) As many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God.
- [John 3:16](#) God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have
- everlasting life.
- [John 3:3-7](#) I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- [1 John 5:1](#) Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.
- [1 John 5:11-12](#) He who has the Son has life.

### EXAM 2 – How do you know you are truly a Christian?

#### **2 - COMMENTS**

- One who is truly a Christian is one whose faith resides in the Word of God. (Hebrews 10:15-16; 1 John 5:11-13) His faith rests on the work of Christ on the cross, (Hebrews 10:12-14) and he has the witness of the Holy Spirit bearing witness with his spirit that he is indeed a child of God (Romans 8:14-16; 1 John 5:10).

#### **2 - VERSES**

[Hebrews 10:15-16](#) But the Holy Spirit witnesses to us....1

[John 5:11-13](#) That you may know that you have eternal life.

[Heb. 10:12-14](#) But this Man after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever...For by one offering He has perfected forever...

[Romans 8:14-16](#) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

[1 John 5:10](#) He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar.

[1 John 4:2-3](#) Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.

[1 John 4:6](#) He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us.

[1 John 4:7-8](#) He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**EXAM 3 – Can you give one example of a specific answer to prayer for which you can give God thanks today?**

**3 - COMMENTS**

- This should be a specific answer to prayer.

**3 - VERSES**

[Eph. 5:20](#) Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[1 Thess. 5:16-17](#) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.

[Matt. 7:7-8](#) Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

[Phil. 4:6](#) Let your requests be made known to God

[Matt. 21:21-22](#) If you have faith and do not doubt ... whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

[1 John 5:14](#) If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

[John 14:14](#) If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

[Heb. 13:15](#) Let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

**EXAM 4 – Which of the three enemies troubles you most? Why? How has this lesson helped you?**

**4 - COMMENTS**

- The enemies listed in the Word of God are the world (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4)
- We are not to be conformed to the world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1-2)
- Our flesh, our sinful nature with which we were born is also our enemy. If we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the the lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16)
- The devil is our infernal foe (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8) He stalks like a lion waiting to devour us.

**4 - VERSES**

The world-External foe:

[1 John 2:15-17](#) Love not the world..the love of the Father is not in him

[Jas 4:4](#) .Friendship with the world is enmity with God.

[Rom 12:1-2](#) Be not conformed to the world...

The Flesh-internal foe:

[Gal. 5:16-17](#) Walk in the Spirit.

[Rom. 6:12](#) Do not let sin reign in your mortal body,.

[Rom. 8:13](#) If you live according to the flesh you will die.

[Rom. 13:14](#) Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

The devil-the Infernal Foe:

[James 4:7](#) Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee.

[1 Peter 5:8](#) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks.. Seeking whom he may devour.

[2 Cor. 10:3-4](#) Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God to pulling down strongholds.

[Eph. 6:10-18](#) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

[1 Cor. 15:57](#) Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **EXAM 5 – What are the characteristics of a Spirit-filled life?**

#### **5 - COMMENTS**

- To be filled with the Spirit means to be controlled by or under the influence of the Spirit by yielding to Him. This is why [Eph. 5:15](#) contrasts it with being filled or under the influence of alcohol. And then [Eph. 5:19](#) gives one of the results or evidences of being controlled by the Spirit
- Other results or evidences are [Gal. 5:16-25](#) The fruits of the Spirit, being led by the Spirit or walking in the Spirit.

#### **5 - VERSES**

[2 Cor. 4:13](#); [1 John 4:12-15](#); [Col. 3:15-17](#) Confessing, witnessing Christ to others. The Spirit dwells in all believers, but believers do not always yield to Him.

[Col. 3:15](#) Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.

[Col. 3:16](#) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

[Col. 3:17](#) Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

[1 Cor. 2:12](#) We have received ... the Spirit who is from God.

### **EXAM 6 – What would you say to someone who saw his need to become a Christian and understood the plan of salvation but hesitated to take the step of faith?**

#### **6 - COMMENTS**

- We are not promised another day([Prov 27:1](#)). We do not know the day of our death and so we must be prepared. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation ([2 Cor 6:2](#)) Christ said He was the way, the truth and the life ([John 14:6](#)) We shall not escape the judgment of God if we do not accept His salvation ([Heb 2:3](#))

#### **6 - VERSES**

- [Prov 27:1](#) Do not boast of tomorrow for you do not know what a day will bring forth

- [2 Cor. 6:2](#) Now is the day of salvation.

[John 14:6](#) I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

[Heb. 2:3](#) How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.

[Phil. 2:10-11](#) At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[Rom. 1:16](#) I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

[Prov. 27:1](#) Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

**EXAM 7 – Give one example of God’s leading in your life or state one matter about which you are seeking guidance at the present.**

**7 - COMMENTS**

- This should be the student’s own example from his life.

**7 - VERSES**

[Ps. 32:8-9](#) I will instruct you and teach you.

[Ps. 23:3](#) He leads me in the paths of righteousness.

[Prov. 16:9](#) A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

[Prov. 3:5-6](#) Trust in the LORD with all your heart ... in all your ways acknowledge Him.

[Ps. 25:9](#) The humble He guides in justice, and ... teaches.

[Ps. 119:105](#) Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

[Rom. 8:14](#) As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**EXAM 8 – What has helped you most about this lesson?**

**8 - COMMENTS**

- This lesson deals with the Christian coping with the problems of disappointment, disaster, disapproval, disease and death.
- His desire for us is to grow in the grace and knowledge of the the Lord Jesus (2 Pet 3:18) and He is conforming us to the image of His Son (Rom 8:29) These problems are meant to accomplish His will for us in making us like Christ..
- As for disappointments they can be turned into appointments for God to work as in the case of Joseph (Gen 45:5)
- When we encounter sickness, sometimes it is God’s will to heal and sometimes not as Paul experienced (2 Cor 12:7-10)
- We are to expect disapproval from the world (Matt 5:11-12; John 16:33) We can rejoice in that because we are suffering for Him
- Christ has conquered death by His death for us (1 Cor 15:54)
- Paul had learned to be content in any circumstance in which he found himself (Phil 4:11-12)

**8 - VERSES**

- [2 Pet 3:18](#) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
- [Rom 8:29](#) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son
- [Gen 45:5](#) you sold me here; For God sent me
- [2 Cor 12:7-12](#) ... I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me... He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you....
- [1 Cor 15:54](#) Death is swallowed up in victory
- [Phil 4:11-12](#) I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.

**EXAM 9 – If you are single what are you doing to make your life really count for God in ways which would not, perhaps, be possible if you were married?**

**9 - COMMENTS**

- The goal for the unmarried Christian adult is a life that is pure, a life that is patient and a life that is practical. Paul says that the married cares for things of the world, how he may please his wife ( 1 Cor. 7:6-8)

**9 - VERSES**

- [1 Cor. 7:6-8](#) I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God.
- [1 Cor. 7:32-33](#) He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he who is married cares for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.
- [Rom. 12:11](#) Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.
- [1 Cor. 10:31](#) Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- [1 Cor. 7:2-3](#) Because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.
- [Matt. 19:6](#) They are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

**EXAM 10 – Are there areas in your home life which you think should be changed?**

**Explain.**

**10 - COMMENTS**

- We need to read what the Bible says about the family as it is the instruction manual for all relationships.
- The instructions to husbands and wives is in Ephesians 5 22-23. Wives are to submit and husbands are to love their wives.
- Fathers are to bring up their children in the fear of Lord and not provoke them to anger (Eph 6:4)
- Children are to obey their parents (Eph 6:1)

**10 - VERSES**

- [Eph 5:22-25](#) Wives,submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church
- [Eph 6:4](#) you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the ... training of the Lord.
- [Eph 6:1](#) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- [Josh. 24:15](#) As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
- [Ps. 101:2](#) I will walk within my house with a perfect heart
- [1 Tim. 3:4](#) One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence.

- [1 Tim. 5:8](#) If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**EXAM 11 – What plans do you have to continue with systematic Bible study?**

**11 - COMMENTS**

- We are commanded to study, not merely read the Scriptures (2 Tim 2:15)
- There are many different methods of Bible study and different Bible tools to help us understand God's Word.
- We are commanded to hide God's Word in our hearts, or memorize it (Josh 1:8-9)

**11 - VERSES**

- [2 Tim 2:15](#) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.
- [Josh 1:8-9](#) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth;, but you shall meditate on it day and night
- [Acts 17:11](#) They received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily.
- [2 Tim. 2:16-17](#) But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer.
- [Ps. 119:11](#) Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
- [Josh. 1:8-9](#) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.
- [Prov. 4:20-22](#) My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

**EXAM 12 – No church is perfect. What could you do to help make the church you attend more like the divine ideal?**

**12 - COMMENTS**

- The Church is important. It was a mystery in the Old Testament, but revealed by God directly to the Apostle Paul (Eph 3:4-9)
- The Church is the body of Christ and all believers are members (1 Cor 12:12-17)
- We should use our gifts for the good of the body (1 Pet 4:10; 1 Cor 12:28)
- We are exhorted not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together ( Heb 10:24-25)
- We should do it with humility ( Phil 2:3)

**12 - VERSES**

- [Eph 3:6](#) that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs,.. Of which I became a minister the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God
- [1 Cor 12:12](#)... As the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many are one body.
- [1 Peter 4:10](#) As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- [1 Cor. 12:28](#) Get involved, use your gift ([Eph. 4:16](#)). God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.
- [Eph. 4:2-6](#) Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- [Col. 3:12-17](#) Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- [Gal. 5:13](#) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
- [Phil. 2:3](#) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.