

David Brainerd Study Questions

- I. Conversion, Calling, & Value of Journaling (Pages 1-8)
 - a. General reflections on the reading.
 - b. Read and reflect on the last paragraph on page 6, which starts, “There is a tremendous...”
 - c. What are some Biblical examples of journaling?
 - d. How would journaling help you personally? (Whitney *SDCL*)
 - e. Discuss different ways to use a journal.
 - f. Journal Question
 - i. “Brainerd's life is a vivid, powerful testimony to the truth that God can and does use weak, sick, discouraged, beat-down, lonely, struggling saints, who cry to him day and night, to accomplish amazing things for his glory” (Page 9).
 1. Copy down this quote and reflect on it.
 - a. What does this teach us about the gospel?
 - ii. How would you like this study to change your life, your family, RVC, and the world?
- II. Saintly Struggles (Pages 8-20)
 - a. General reflections on reading.
 - b. How does David Brainerd battle against his struggles?
 - c. What does the reality of difficulties in the midst of missionary work teach about the mission?
 - d. Journal Questions
 - i. “God created us to live with a single passion to joyfully display his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life. The wasted life is the life without this passion. God calls us to pray and think and dream and plan and work not to be made much of, but to make much of him in every part of our lives” (Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*).
 1. Take some time to “pray and think and dream and plan” how God might use your life for the greatest of all purposes: for his glory.
- III. Perseverance and Effect of Ministry (Pages 20-28)
 - a. General reflections on the reading.
 - b. How does suffering fit into God’s plan to fulfill the Great Commission?
 - c. In the midst of intense trials, what kept David Brainerd going?
 - d. Journal Question
 - i. Which struggle do you relate to the most?
 1. What principles can you learn for Brainerd to persevere through them? How does the gospel apply to your struggle?
 - ii. Red Village Church Vision: See the gospel of Jesus Christ change our lives, our families, our community, and our world.
 - a. What have you learned in this study that will help you better apply the gospel into these areas of your life?