

How to Answer

Question 14: How does Your Interpretation of the Text Align with Relevant Cross-References?

Next, we want to check our understanding of the text against other relevant portions of God's Word.

1. Using a **concordance** or the **cross-references** section of your favorite Bible study website or app, **look up the words and phrases** you've been researching with Questions 12 and 13, and the verses that contain them.
2. In your study journal, write about what resonates with you from these references.

Hints & Hacks

- Depending on the words or phrases you investigate, **cross-references can be overwhelming**. Be sure to ask the Holy Spirit to direct your research before and even while you answer this question. And don't be afraid to take a break or two as you dig.
- What you find in this research may test or even contradict what you thought you understood about your study passage. **Ask the Holy Spirit to help you keep an open mind and a teachable heart** through these questions, so you can uncover the truth.
- If you don't find anything helpful, **try typing the English word or phrase directly into your favorite Bible resources search bar** and review the passages displayed, again noting anything the Spirit illuminates for you.

NOTE: some websites may also return commentary or other non-Scriptural resources in response to your search. Ignore them for now. If you want to review those resources after you've answered ALL 20 questions with Scripture and the Holy Spirit, save the references.