

HFG Questions for John Wycliffe—The Morning Star of the Reformation (Selected Scriptures)

1. What was/is significant about October 31, 1517? And WHY are we still talking about this event some 500 years after the fact?

2. Why is it important not to forget the past? Therefore, why is it important for us to study the faithful men and women like the Reformers and the Puritans who have gone before us?

3. What was the state of the Church in England in the 1300's? Read 1 Timothy 4:1-2. What does Paul say should be taught in the Church? Was this problem new? (Hint: Read Amos 8:11; Hosea 4:6)

4. What was Wycliffe's early life like? What did God use to bring that young man to Himself? Does God still use great times of trial, stress, and tragedy to bring people to Himself?

5. One of the things that distinguished Wycliffe from his colleagues was his absolute commitment to *Sola Scriptura*. What does that even mean? What did that look like for Wycliffe? And WHAT does that look like practically for us today?

6. How important was good theology to Wycliffe? Where did he get his theology? How important is good theology to you? Where are you getting your theology?

7. Wycliffe declared that all sermons that did not expound the Word of God should be utterly rejected. He also maintained that the lack of Biblical preaching in his day had turned the Church into a spiritual graveyard. Do you agree? Can you see any parallels in our own day?

8. Without question, John Wycliffe's greatest achievement was the fact that he translated the Bible from Latin into English for the very first time. Why did the Catholic Church vehemently oppose such a translation?

9. Who were the Lollards? What does that term most likely mean? Why would true Christians be given such a derisive name? (Hint: Read 1 Cor. 1:18; 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4)

10. What can we learn from the life and ministry of John Wycliffe?
