

Confirmation II

Session 6

Date Missed: January 17, 2010

You missed a class on the Old Testament of the Bible.

Question 1-What are the first 5 Books of the Bible Called? Name them?

Complete Handout #1 (Scroll Down)

Complete Find the Fit (Scroll Down)

Assignment is Due January 31st.

Handout 1

The Pentateuch Scavenger Hunt

There are nine great themes in the Old Testament that get launched in the first five books of the Bible. Read each theme, then look up the Scripture passage “hint” to find the answer to the clue. Happy hunting!

Theme One: God is One

God is a single divine being who orders all things out of love. All that God created and imagined was rooted in love.

Clue #1: How does the book of Genesis convince us that God was pleased with his creation?

Hint: Genesis 1:1-23: _____

Theme Two: God is Active in Human History

Our God is not a God who created us then watched us from a distance. Rather, our God actively guides, protects, cares for, and is involved in human history.

Clue #2: In Jacob’s dream at Bethel, what did the angels use to ascend and descend from heaven?

Hint: Genesis 28:10-15: _____

Theme Three: People Respond to God’s Activity

God invites us into relationship – Adam and Eve, Moses, Abraham, Sarah, Rachel, Aaron, and so on were all invited into relationship with God and responded to his invitation. Sometimes they responded willingly, sometimes reluctantly, and sometimes not always understanding what God was doing.

Clue #3: Noah said yes to build an ark, and saved his family and many living species from death by drowning. What bird did Noah first send out at the end of the forty days?

Hint: Genesis: 8:6-9: _____

Theme Four: Prayer and Praise

Prayer and praise to God begins in the Pentateuch, and continues throughout the Old Testament. God does great things, and when people pay attention they stand in gratitude before God singing and praising all of God's goodness.

Clue #4: Who is credited with being the first woman prayer leader mentioned in the Old Testament?

Hint: Exodus 15:20-21: _____

Theme Five: Tradition

Tradition is important to who we are as God's people. Remembering and re-telling the stories of our history keeps us connected to the covenant of love with God, and keeps our community alive. The Old Testament, beginning in the Pentateuch, tells and re-tells the stories of God's people, that we may not lose their power and importance.

Clue #5: From what did the people hear God's voice declaring his covenant to them?

Hint: Deuteronomy 4:9-14: _____

Theme Six: God Seeks Covenant

The Old Testament has a pretty clear pattern to it: God seeks covenant relationship with his people, his people agree to it, the people make bad choices and break covenant, God seeks out the people again to renew the covenant. Abraham, Moses, David, and ultimately in the New Testament, Jesus, forge covenants with God, on God's initiative.

Clue #6: What happens to the first person engaged in celebrating covenant with God?

Hint: Genesis 17:1-8: _____

Theme Seven: Justice and Morality are Possible

Again and again in the Old Testament, we see that it is possible to live just and moral lives. We see again and again that NOT living just and moral lives results in war and unrest.

Clue #7: What was to be done to the fields and vineyards so that the poor and those in need could find food?

Hint: Leviticus 19:9-10: _____

Theme Eight: Hope for the Future

There were some cloudy times encountered by the Hebrew people—some which were not of their making, some which was of their making. No matter the situation—slavery, famine, poor leaders—God always provided his people with hope for the future.

Clue #8: What were the meat and bread that God gave the Israelites to eat in the wilderness of Sin?

Hint: Exodus 16:9-15: _____

Theme Nine: Mystery of God's Ways

We are invited into faithful relationship with God, though we do not fully know and understand all of God's ways. What seems the right path to us in our humanity, is not necessarily the path that God would take. "Knowing" why isn't what is most important, knowing God and trusting him is.

Clue #9: What did Jacob sneak away from his oldest brother?

Hint: Genesis 25:1-29: _____

Find the Fit

Directions: Cut the descriptions for each book into single slips and tape or glue to a paper with the title Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Match the slips with the book of the bible that correlates with the clue. (Hint: 5 for each book)

Adam and Eve are created.

The rich sacrificial practices of the Israelites are reviewed.

Joseph stars in the amazing technicolor coat.

Abraham is promised descendants as great as the sands.

This book celebrates that we are created in God's image and have a special relationship with God.

Lots of bad things happen to the Egyptians.

Noah floats a boat. The Hebrew people spend a lot of time complaining in the desert.

The ten tablets rock the world.

This book celebrates that no earthly thing is insurmountable to our relationship with God.

Great festivals are described in this book.

The true meaning of scapegoat is revealed in chapter 16:20-21.

God hangs out in a lot of fire.

This book reminds us that God gives us all that we need to make the journey of faith a good one.

Purity and holiness laws abound in this book.

This book points out that maintaining a right relationship with God through what we do: worship, daily life and customs, festivals, should be a priority for us.

One of the most famous blessings is found in this book in Chapter 6:22-27.

Miriam and Aaron show their humanity by getting jealous of Moses in chapter 12.

Joshua is appointed Moses' successor.

This book shows that it takes us humans a long time to learn to walk with God, but God remains patient through out.

40 years are spent wandering in the desert until all are ready to enter the Promised Land.

In this book we hear of the land of milk and honey (Chapter 11:8).

The Jewish prayer for Shema is found in this book (Chapter 6:4-9).

At the end of this book, Moses is given a view of the Promised Land before he dies.

This book contains the laws Moses spells out to shape and govern their lives.