

Hebrew Bible Journey

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Sunday 9:30-10:15

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Description:

A Christian study of the primary movements in Old Testament Scripture, consisting of the Hebrew language, themes, and sociological studies, as well as various connections to the New Testament.

Significance in Church Education:

This class prepares members for further study of Old Testament scriptures, for an introduction to the New Testament, and will meet requirements for candidates interested in becoming a lay minister.

Our Mission:

To help people connect to God and their neighbor through study of scripture.

Learning Outcomes:

- Basic overview of Old Testament
- Articulation of Israel's history and origins of faith, as well as life in the Promised Land
- Discussion of Israel's traditions concerning origin of creation
- Comprehension of Israel as political nation
- Articulation of events that led to fall of the kingdoms of Israel
- Articulation of Israel's restoration to the Promised Land
- Description of the theology appearing in the wisdom books of the Old Testament
- Understanding the nature of prophetic works

Expectations:

- 1) *Scripture Memory*. For fun, each member is encouraged to memorize 4 sets of scripture (one for each month) – each set of scripture will come directly from the text which we have traveled in class.
 - i. Exodus 3:7-8a “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey...” :
January 26
 - ii. Ruth 1:16-17 “But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die - there I will be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"
: February 23

- iii. 1 Samuel 8:19-20 "But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." :
March 22

- iv. Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" :
April 12

2) *Service Project*. For fun, each member is encouraged to do at least **one** community service.

There are four options of community service:

- i. Attend the "off-site" class service project day in February. Day and location to be announced.
- ii. Donate to a form of compassionate ministry (see me for ideas).
- iii. Perform volunteer opportunities for GFCN Buildings and Grounds (see me for ideas).

3) *Attendance*. This class will give credit towards certification as a lay minister. A lay minister is someone who feels called to lead in ministry at GFCN but does not feel called to ministry in general, at any church. In order to receive credit, members are expected to attend at least 2/3^{rds} of classes.

4) *Class Reading*. I request that each member read each session's scripture material beforehand.

5) *Graduation*. For those that complete the class, after the last session, during the morning service, certificates and a small token will be given to all those who have participated.

Calendar:

- Sunday Jan. 12, 2020
 - Syllabus Day / *Discovering Identities*
- Sunday Jan. 19, 2020
 - Genesis 1-3 / *People of Beginnings*
- Sunday Jan. 26, 2020
 - Genesis 15 / *People of Promise*
- Sunday Feb. 2, 2020
 - Exodus 1-13 / *People of Power*
- Sunday Feb. 2, 2020
 - Exodus 20 / *Holy Nation*
- Sunday Feb. 9, 2020
 - Joshua 1-8, 24 / *Promised Nation*
- Sunday Feb. 16, 2020
 - Judges 2-3, 6-9 / *Unfaithful Nation*
- Sunday Feb. 23, 2020

- Ruth / *Bitter Nation*
- Sunday March 1, 2020
 - 1 Samuel 7-16 / *Overwhelming Kingdom*
- Sunday March 8, 2020
 - 2 Samuel 5-7, 11-13 / *Rising Kingdom*
- Sunday March 15, 2020
 - 1 Kings 3-5, 17-19 / *Split Kingdom*
- Sunday March 22, 2020
 - 2 Kings 23-25 / *Falling Kingdom*
- Sunday March 29, 2020
 - Micah 1-4 / *City of Exiles*
- Sunday April 5, 2020
 - Psalm 150 / *City of Praise*
- Sunday April 12, 2020 (EASTER)
 - Daniel 1-6 / *City of Prophecy*