

FUEL



LORD'S PRAYER
SACRAMENTS + CONFESSION

LORD'S PRAYER (KJV)

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be Thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever

Amen.

WELCOME

You're about to begin . . .

A time in your life where every week you carve out time to have a blast learning about God through media, discussions, and relevant messages (not to mention the junk food, and crazy games!). Plus, every day you're going to be reading God's Word, where you will connect with God and grow in your faith.

My hope is that the next three years of your life will be a fun and meaningful experience, and one day be able to publicly declare the Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior!

- Mike Edge

Director of Youth Ministry

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**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH IS A VIBRANT FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS,
EMPOWERED BY WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY, AND FULLY ENGAGED
IN THE LIFE OF AND SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND LOCAL COMMUNITY**

FUEL OVERVIEW

FUEL

Sunday nights from 4:00 - 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for grades 6-8

Overview

3 Year Program to dive deep into God's Word, and apply it to our lives. By the end of the program, students will have read through most of the Bible at home, and will have been taught the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism in a relevant sermon-style message.

This year (2023-2024), we are on Calendar A.

Calendar A

Read at Home

Genesis - Deuteronomy

Taught at Fuel

Lord's Prayer, Confession, Baptism and Communion

Calendar B

Read at Home

Joshua - Nehemiah

Taught at Fuel

Apostles' Creed, Confession, Baptism and Communion

Calendar C

Read at Home

New Testament

Taught at Fuel

10 Commandments, Confession, Baptism and Communion

FUEL FORMAT

FORMAT

4:00 - 4:35 p.m.

Students will engage in food, games, and activities that are fun and welcoming.

4:35 - 5:15 p.m.

Mike Edge will give a talk based upon Luther's Small Catechism and will teach the essentials of the Christian faith by relating it to the world around them.

Students will take notes on the topic (like sermon notes) and those will be used to study for the tests.

Videos and audio will also be recorded and posted online so if a student misses he can easily receive the content. Go to www.stmarkphx.org -> get involved -> students

Students will have completed 100% of the Fuel notes and will show them to Mike Edge throughout the year (they will not turn them in but keep them in their workbook)

Testing

2 times each year students will be tested on what they've learned at Fuel. Tests will be conducted during Fuel December 3 and May 5.

Homework - Reading Summaries

Students will be given reading summaries of scripture (this year: New Testament), and are to be shown to Mike Edge monthly. We are not turning anything in: reading summaries and Fuel notes will be completed but remain in the workbook to keep.

Students will purchase Lutheran Study Bible (ESV not NRSV, \$40) and optional Luther's Small Catechism (\$15)

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

INVESTMENT

Both students and parents will need to heavily invest this year.
Confirmation is NOT just another extra curricular activity -
make your faith a priority.
You're busy, so plan ahead

1

**FUEL
ATTENDANCE**
80% attendance
6 absences allowed
throughout the year

4

SERVE
Pick a ministry to
serve - greeter, usher,
coffee, POW WOW,
chancel, events, etc.

2

FUEL NOTES
100% completed
Take notes during
Fuel. If you miss,
listen or watch online

5

SERMON NOTES
Students will attend
worship
Year 1: 10 Notes
Year 2: 15 Notes
Year 3: 20 Notes

3

**READING
SUMMARIES**
100% completed
Due first Sunday of
each month

6

ESSAY
Year 3 students will
write a 3-4 page essay
on their faith story
and what they believe

New This Year - Culture Series

Three times throughout the year (October 1, November 19, and March 3) we will address an issue relevant to our culture and how it affects teenagers. These topics include drugs/vaping, sexual culture, human trafficking, and more. We will watch a video of a keynote speaker, or invite a speaker to give a presentation and allow Q&A. Parents are invited to attend these evenings, so they can be given awareness and tools to combat this ever-changing culture.

SCHEDULE

Dates listed we will meet Sundays at 4pm, unless otherwise noted

Fall Semester

August 13 - Kickoff Sunday

August 20

August 27

September 3 - No Class, Labor Day

September 10 - Reading Summaries due

September 11

September 17

September 24

October 1 - Culture Series #1, Reading Summaries due

October 8 - No Class, Fall Break

October 15

October 22

October 29

November 5 - Reading Summaries due

November 12

November 19 - Culture Series #2, First Communion at 11:00am

November 26 - No Class, Thanksgiving

December 3 - Test and Reading Summaries due

December 10 - Christmas Party

Spring Semester

January 7

January 14

January 21

January 28 - Reading Summaries due

February 4

February 11 - No Class, Super Bowl

February 18

February 25 - Reading Summaries due

March 3 - Culture Series #3

March 10 - No Class, Spring Break

March 17

March 24

March 31 - No Class, Easter

April 7 - Reading Summaries due

April 14 - Essay due for Year 3 students

April 21

April 28

May 5 - Last Day of Class, Reading Summaries due, Test

May 12 - Confirmation Sunday at 11:00, No Class due to Mother's Day

May 19 - August 4 - Summer Fuel

COVENANT

I Believe:

- Jesus is my risen Lord and Savior, whom I follow and trust
- Confirmation is a valuable time to grow closer to Christ

As a result, I will heavily invest in Confirmation this year, and make my faith a priority. I will:

- Attend Fuel 80% Fuel (6 absences each year)
- Complete 100% of Reading Summaries
- Complete appropriate amount of sermon notes and attend worship regularly
- Pick a ministry to serve in and I will be on time and participate when scheduled
- Complete 1 essay (Year 3 students only)

Student Name

Parent Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

FUEL NOTES

Everything we do at FUEL is designed for you -

Middle School students who are growing in their faith. We come together to play fun and hilarious games to help everyone feel welcome.

Most importantly, we dive into God's Word and apply the Bible to our lives. This year, we will focus on the Ten Commandments, which teaches us what it means to trust God with our actions.

Check List

- Bring this workbook and your Bible to FUEL every Sunday at 4:00pm
- During the lesson, take notes
- If you miss a week, watch the video at www.stmarkphx.org -> get involved -> students
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- This is due by the following week
- 100% completion to move up or get confirmed. Show them to Mike Edge, but keep them in your workbook.

FUEL NOTES #1

August 13, 2023

How To Read The Bible

1. Actually _____ It And _____ It
2. Don't Get Tripped Up On Big _____
3. Use Study _____
4. First Time Is _____
5. Second, Third, Fourth, Is God _____

FUEL NOTES #1

When someone asks me if I'm going to
youth group tonight
Me:



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FUEL NOTES #2

August 20, 2023

Spiritual Gifts

Read Romans 12:3-8 (ESV) and fill in the blanks

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one _____ we have many _____, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the _____ given to us, let us use them: if prophesy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

What Spiritual Gifts actually ARE.

- They are _____ special abilities.
- They are given to every believer according to God’s design and grace
- They are designed to be used in service to God and one another.

“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.” 1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV)

What Spiritual Gifts are NOT

- They are not your _____
- They are not the same as your natural talents/abilities.
- They are not the same as the fruit of the Spirit. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

Why does God give spiritual gifts? “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

- To fulfill our unique role in the body of Christ
- For the _____. For the good of the entire body of Christ - the Church.

The ultimate goal of this course is not the discovery of your gifts (although you do need to have an idea of what they are); it is USING them in service to God and His people-especially those yet to know Him!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment at stmarkphx.org/confirmation

Scroll down and find the assessment. It should take 20 minutes, and answer quickly with your “gut” feeling. At the end, you will receive your top three gifts.

MY TOP 3 GIFTS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Congrats, you now know your top three gifts!

Using Your Spiritual Gifts

The point is to not only discover your spiritual gifts, but to USE them!

Part of confirmation this year is to get plugged into a ministry and serve all year. You will be evaluated each semester on your performance (show up on time, participate, good attitude, etc). Here are some ministries to get involved in. Pick at least one on the next page.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Greeter

Gifts: Hospitality, Encouragement, Evangelism

Greeters make people feel welcome during Sunday worship services. Greeters are stationed inside the sanctuary, and also in the courtyard. You will need to arrive 15 minutes prior for contemporary services, and 30 minutes prior for traditional services to help greet or pass out bulletins.

Usher

Gifts: Leadership, Helps, Giving

Ushers help seat people as they come into the sanctuary (especially when it's crowded). They also collect offering and dismiss people to communion. You will need to arrive 15 minutes prior to service to help usher.

Coffee House

Gifts: Hospitality, Encouragement, Evangelism, Creative Communication

Baristas serve coffee and pastries, and handle a cash drawer. This ministry welcomes many guests, so you will need to be friendly and arrive when scheduled.

Chancel Guild

Gifts: Administration, Giving, Helps, Wisdom

Help prepare communion by filling the wine and bread, and cleaning up afterwards.

Children's Ministry

Gifts: Shepherding, Teaching, Knowledge

Shepherds assist the teacher and help the children with crafts and learning about Jesus. Middle school students can help out with K-2, Preschool, and Nursery.

P.O.W. W.O.W

Gifts: Craftmanship, Giving, Helps, Knowledge, Leadership

Produce On Wheels Without Waste is a food distribution ministry where the 1st Saturday of the month where our community can receive up to 70 pounds of produce for only \$12. You will help work the distribution lines by setting out produce and breaking down boxes.

Church Beautification

Gifts: Craftmanship, Helps, Giving, Knowledge, Administration

Help keep the church and its facilities looking good through cleaning and maintenance. This is an easy way to serve and help make our space welcoming and presentable for guests.

Monthly Family Event Helper

Gifts: Hospitality, Administration, Craftmanship, Helps, Evangelism

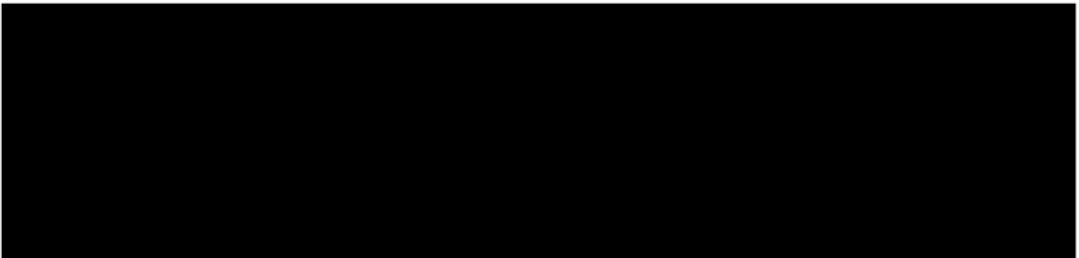
During events, help setup, participate, and clean up. Many of our events are focused on guests, so this is important to help events run smoothly.

The Ministry (or Ministries) I will serve this year: _____



SPIRITUAL

GIFTS



FUEL NOTES #3

August 27, 2023

GENESIS 1-2 RECAP

1. God Created:

Day 1: _____ Day 4: _____

Day 2: _____ Day 5: _____

Day 3: _____ Day 6: _____

2. After each day God declared that it was _____

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

- Genesis 1:31

3. Man and Woman were created in God’s _____

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- Genesis 1:27

4. What about evolution???

Adaptation: _____ Contradict God’s Word (like dog breeding)

Origin of Species: _____ Contradict God’s Word

Bottom Line: Do you believe in God’s Word over the science of the day?

FUEL NOTES #3

5. God created Man from the _____

“Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”

- Genesis 2:7

6. Man was “Good” but _____

“It is not good that the man should be alone”

- Genesis 2:18a

7. God gave Adam a _____

“I will make him a helper fit for him.”

- Genesis 2:18b

FUEL NOTES #4

September 10, 2023

SACRAMENTS PART 1

Why Does God Give Us Sacraments?

_____ way God shows us He loves us

_____ from God - NOT about what we do, but about what God does

Reminder of forgiveness

What does a believer need to stay strong in the faith?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Like 3-legged stool: the more legs, the sturdier

Similar to Relationships - various ways God shows us He loves us

Words - God tells us He loves us in His _____

Gifts - God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit in _____

Physical Touch - God gives us a "hug" during _____

Point - you never have to doubt

What is a Sacrament?

1. Offers _____
2. Commanded by _____ (specifically Jesus)
3. Has a _____ element

Combined with God's Word

FUEL NOTES #5

September 17, 2023

SACRAMENTS PART 2 Baptism

Baptism

_____ = entrance into God's kingdom

Who should be baptized? _____ ages

Why?

All are sinful from birth (Psalm 51:5)

All need _____

It's not about US DOING something, it's about GOD ADOPTING into His kingdom

There is _____ in baptism

Salvation and forgiveness (Romans 6:3-5)

What is the correct method to baptize?

_____ single correct method - sprinkle, immerse, or pour

Is it OK to get baptized again? _____

Baptism is permanent, no need to re-baptize

Ephesians 4:5

Only exception - if you don't know if you were baptized

Commanded to Baptize

Matthew 28:19

FUEL NOTES #6

September 24, 2023

SACRAMENTS PART 3 Communion

What Is Communion?

There is _____ in communion, namely forgiveness
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

You are receiving Jesus' _____
(not just representation)

Confession

You need to _____ self prior

Worthy Manner

1 Corinthians 11:27 speaks of the need to recognize the body and receive in a worthy manner
If you're not repentant for a sin, don't receive communion

What is the correct method?

_____ correct method mentioned in the Bible - kneel, continuous, etc.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE



The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

CULTURE SERIES #1

October 1, 2023

NOTES:

CULTURE SERIES #1

NOTES:

FUEL NOTES #7

October 15, 2023

CONFESSION

God gave Adam and Eve _____

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”- Genesis 2:15

God also gave them a way to _____ God

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”- Genesis 2:16-17

Why? Because otherwise we'd be _____

Satan tempts Eve by doubting God's _____

“He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”- Genesis 3:1-3

FUEL NOTES #7

Satan tempts Eve by _____ to her

“But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- Genesis 3:4-5

Adam and Eve ate the _____

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

- Genesis 3:6

Result: _____ and _____

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”

- Genesis 3:7

Adam: _____

[God] said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

- Genesis 3:11-12

True Confession:

I'm _____

No “but”

True Repentance

“I’ll try not to do it again”

Actively turn _____ from sin

FIRST COMMUNION

November 19 at 11:00am Service

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction of confession and the Sacrament of the Altar.

Edge: You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

Pastor: In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit? If so, then together answer, "Yes I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

FIRST COMMUNION

Pastor: Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life? If so, then answer, "Yes, with the help of God".

Students: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Edge: Parents, sponsors, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

Church: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love towards others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Pastor walks behind altar]

Edge: We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace T be with you. Amen.

FUEL NOTES #8

October 22, 2023

GENESIS 3-11 RECAP

1. God Made Everything _____

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

- Genesis 1:31

2. Sin Was Brought Into the World by _____

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

- Genesis 3:6

3. God Punished

Man: _____

Woman: _____

Satan: _____

4. Cain Killed _____

“And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.”

- Genesis 4:8

FUEL NOTES #8

5. Humanity _____ God

“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

- Genesis 6:5

6. God _____

“And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.”

- Genesis 6:6

7. God Started Over With _____

“And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.”

- Genesis 6:7

8. God Promised To Never Again _____

“I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

FUEL NOTES #9

October 29, 2023

GENESIS 12-50 RECAP

1. God Called Abram to _____

“Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you”

- Genesis 12:1

2. God Promised Him a Nation and a _____

“And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

- Genesis 12:2

3. At first, Abraham and Sarah had no children, then they had Isaac at _____

“Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”

- Genesis 17:17

4. Isaac has _____

“When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau’s heel, so his name was called Jacob.”

- Genesis 25:24-26

5. Jacob Wrestles God (Changes His Name To _____)

“Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”

- Genesis 32:28

FUEL NOTES #9

6. Jacob has 12 _____ (become 12 tribes of Israel)

“And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body.”

- Genesis 35:11

7. Joseph Is Sold Into Slavery, And His death Is _____

“Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him.”

- Genesis 37:27

8. Joseph Interprets Dreams And Becomes A _____ In Egypt

“Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.”

- Genesis 41:46

9. Famine In Canaan, Joseph’s Family Moves To _____

“So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.”

- Genesis 41:56

10. Joseph Reveals Himself To His Brothers, He _____ Them

“So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.”

- Genesis 45:4-5

FUEL NOTES #10

November 5, 2023

EXODUS 1-13 RECAP

The Hebrews Were Increasing In Number, So Pharaoh Felt

“Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”
- Exodus 1:10

Pharaoh Ordered the Midwives to _____ All the Male Babies

“When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.”
-Exodus 1:16

Moses Was Saved By Being Placed In A _____ Down The Nile

“When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank.”
- Exodus 2:3

God Heard The Crying And _____ Of His People

“During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God.”
- Exodus 2:23

Moses was _____ by God

“When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”
- Exodus 3:4

FUEL NOTES #10

God Gave The Egyptians Plagues For Three Reasons:

1. Convince Pharaoh to let the Hebrews _____
2. Show Egypt who the real _____
3. _____ for enslaving the Hebrews

The Ten Plagues

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

FUEL NOTES #11

November 12, 2023

EXODUS 14-40 RECAP

The Hebrews Crossed The Red Sea On _____ -

“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.”

Exodus 14:21

Pharaoh’s Army Chased After _____

“The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

- Exodus 14:23

God Closed The Red Sea And Pharaoh’s Army _____

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.”

- Exodus 14:26

The Hebrews Went To _____

“On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.”

- Exodus 19:1

FUEL NOTES #11

God Gave Moses The _____

“And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.”

- Exodus 20:1-3

Moses Came Down The Mountain And Saw _____

“They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”

- Exodus 32:8

God Gave Instructions:

CULTURE SERIES #2

November 19, 2023

NOTES:

CULTURE SERIES #2

NOTES:

REVIEW TEST #1

Recap on readings (Genesis and Exodus)

Review Sacraments - Baptism and Communion

REVIEW TEST #1

FUEL NOTES #12

January 7, 2024

LEVITICUS RECAP

1. They Were the _____ Tribe (all priests were Levites, but not all Levites were priests)

2. When God's People Inherited the Promised Land, the Levites _____ Receive Any Portion of the Land, Instead They Were to Live with the People

"The Levitical priests, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel. They shall eat the Lord's food offerings as their inheritance."
- Deuteronomy 18:1

God's Laws

Some People Think That God Created Laws So That We Don't Have Fun. But Actually, God Creates Laws To:

1. _____ us

2. We Live Life To Its _____

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
- John 10:10

Why don't Christians follow some of the laws in the Old Testament? Such as eating bacon, receiving the death penalty for disobeying your parents, and pastors shaving their beards?

FUEL NOTES #12

Types of Laws in the Old Testament:

1. _____ Laws

Animal sacrifices for sins, feasts and festivals, kosher diet, etc

2. _____ Laws

Punishment for breaking laws, judicial laws, etc

3. _____ Laws

The Ten Commandments, any law that has to do with right or wrong, etc

Jesus _____ Some of the Old Testament Laws.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

- Matthew 5:17

Jesus Fulfilled the _____ Laws

Jesus died on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus is also the ultimate high priest, because He mediates between us and God the Father (Hebrews 4:14). Jesus also said “it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” (Matthew 15:11)

Jesus Fulfilled the _____ Laws

A “child of God” no longer means someone who has a Jewish bloodline, but rather has faith in Jesus (1 John 3:10). Jesus’ Kingdom is not of this world (John 17).

So, did Jesus fulfill the civil laws

Jesus Did Not Fulfill the _____ Laws

Because it reflects the nature and character of God

Jesus expanded implications of moral law on the Sermon on the Mount

FUEL NOTES #13

January 14, 2024

WHY PRAY?

1. God _____ our prayers
2. There is _____ in prayer
But, God is not a vending machine
He's a good Father
3. It changes our _____ - we begin to care
4. It _____ us to God

FUEL NOTES #13

3. God responds with:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

Why would God ever say no?

- He has something _____ in store

- Remember, God is not a vending machine, He's a good _____

FUEL NOTES #14

January 21, 2024

A.C.T.S.

What to say?

1. Anything on your _____

A.C.T.S. Model

A _____

Praising God for who He is
"Almighty God, we praise You for being a loving God who hear"

C _____

Apologizing to God for your sins
"God, I'm sorry for..."

FUEL NOTES #14

T _____

Praising God for what he does
"God, thank you for doing..."

S _____

Asking God to help
"God, I pray that You heal my mom of cancer..."

FUEL NOTES #15

January 28, 2024

GOD THE FATHER

1. God Is A _____ FATHER

“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.” - Psalm. 103:13

“Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you” - 1 Peter 5:7

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.” - Matthew. 6:31-32

2. God Is A _____ FATHER

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” - James 1:17

“If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.”
- 2 Timothy. 2:13

“The Lord dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me!” - Psalm. 18:20

3. God Is A _____ FATHER

“That they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.” - Acts 17:27

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”
- Psalm. 34:18

FUEL NOTES #15

God Has A _____ In Heaven

They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

- Revelation 4:10-11

But isn't God everywhere?

Yes, God is:

Omniscient - all _____

Omnipotent - all _____

Omnipresent - all _____

Holy Spirit is everywhere, gives us faith and encourages us

FUEL NOTES #16

February 4, 2024

NUMBERS RECAP

After Mt. Sinai, They Take A _____

“Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head.”

- Numbers 1:2

When Traveling From Egypt To The Promised Land, God Provides Manna And People _____

“Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of dillium. The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.”

- Numbers 11:7-9

Moses Sends Out Twelve Spies To _____ The Promised Land

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them.”

- Numbers 13:1-2

Ten Spies Respond In _____, Joshua And Caleb Respond With _____

“However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.”

- Numbers 13:28

FUEL NOTES #16

Consequence - They Will Not _____ The Promised Land (But Their Children Will)

“None of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, 23 shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.”

- Numbers 14:22-23

Moses Takes _____ From God

And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”

- Numbers 20:11-12

Balaam’s Donkey _____

Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?”

- Numbers 22:28

Pattern: God’s People _____, God Is _____

With Next Generation About To Enter The Promised Land, They Take Another _____

“Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers’ houses, all in Israel who are able to go to war.”

- Numbers 26:2

FUEL NOTES #17

February 18, 2024

GOD'S NAME

Hallow - verb - means _____

YHWH / Yahweh - Proper name of God. When God reveals His name in Exodus 3 to Moses He says "I Am who I Am" which in Hebrew is YHWH. We add vowels to pronounce it "Yahweh".

SOME NAMES OF GOD IN THE BIBLE

1. Jehovah _____

"God is my provider"

God wants to supply my needs

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians. 4:19

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence."

- 2 Peter 1:3

2. Jehovah _____

"God is my Righteousness."

God wants to forgive my faults

"I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am."

- Isaiah. 43:25

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

- Romans 3:23-24

FUEL NOTES #17

3. Jehovah _____

“God is my Peace”

God wants to relieve my stress

“For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.” - 1 Corinthians 14:33

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

- John 14:27

FUEL NOTES #18

February 25, 2024

YOUR KINGDOM COME

1. God Is The _____

“The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all” - Psalm 103:19

2. It's _____

“Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand” - Matthew 3:2

3. It's going to be fulfilled in _____

“They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”
Revelation 4:11

4. Kingdom of God is a Spiritual Rule Over the _____ and _____ of Those Who Willingly Submit to God's Authority

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts.”
- James 4:7-8

FUEL NOTES #18

5. When We Ask for God's Kingdom to Come, We're Asking God to Change the _____ and _____ Around Us

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

- Romans 10:9

6. Even Though We Can Ask God for Anything and We Can Be Specific, We Also Pray for God's _____ to be Done Not _____

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

- Matthew 6:10

CULTURE SERIES #3

March 3, 2024

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FUEL NOTES #19

March 17, 2024

WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE?

1. God Made Me To _____

“Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will.” - Ephesians 1:4-5

2. God Made Me To _____

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”
- Romans 8:28-29

3. God Made Me To _____

“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens... He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.” - 2 Corinthians 5:1, 5

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” - John 6:40

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”
- Matthew 6:33

FUEL NOTES #19

FUEL NOTES #20

March 24, 2024

DEUTERONOMY RECAP

1. Moses Spoke To The _____

“These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness.”

- Deuteronomy 1:1

2. Moses Recalls What Happened To Their _____

“Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God.

- Deuteronomy 1:26

3. Theme: Israel’s _____, God’s _____

“And the Lord heard your words and was angered, and he swore, ‘Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land on which he has trodden, because he has wholly followed the Lord!’

- Deuteronomy 1:34-36

4. Moses Calls Israel To _____

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5

FUEL NOTES #20

Collection Of Laws

5. _____ Laws

- Tabernacle
- Tithing

6. Israel's _____

- Elders, Priests, Kings were subordinate to the law and prophets

7. _____ Laws

- Justice
- Care for widows

8. Final Speech: _____

“If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.”

- Deuteronomy 30:16-18

FUEL NOTES #21

April 7, 2024

GOD PROVIDES

1. Ask For God's _____

"Give us this day our daily bread." - Matthew 6:11

". . . You do not have, because you do not ask" James 4:2

"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." - Hebrews 11:3

God Is My Source:

- * Source of Wisdom (Psalm. 36:9)
- * Source of Strength (Isaiah. 40:29)
- * Source of Happiness (Psalm. 43:4)
- * Source of Hope (Romans. 15:13)
- * Source of Peace (Romans. 15:33)
- * Source of Patience (Philippians 4:6)
- * Source of Salvation (Hebrew 5:9)
- * Source of Encouragement (Romans. 15:5)

2. Remember God's _____

"Give us this day our daily bread." - Matthew 6:11

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 4:19

"For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh." - Romans 8:3

FUEL NOTES #21

3. Trust God's _____

“Give us this day our daily bread.” - Matthew 6:11

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” - Matthew 6:34

“Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

- Matthew 6:9-11

FUEL NOTES #22

April 14, 2024

HOW DOES GOD FORGIVE?

1. God Forgives _____

“But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.” - Nehemiah 9:17

“Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” - Isaiah 55:7

2. God Forgives _____

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.” - Colossians 2:13-14

“For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”
- Jeremiah 31:34

3. God Forgives _____

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”
- Romans 3:23-24

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
- Ephesians 2:8-9

FUEL NOTES #22

FUEL NOTES #23

April 21, 2024

WHY FORGIVE?

God _____

“Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”
- Colossians 3:13

Resentment _____

“Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.” - Job 5:2

“You who tear yourself to pieces in your anger” Job 18:4

I'll need FORGIVENESS IN THE FUTURE

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” - Mark 11:25

HOW TO GET OVER A HURT

Deal with it _____

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.”
- Ephesians. 4:26

“Leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” - Matt. 5:24

FUEL NOTES #23

Forgive them whether _____

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. “ - Ephesians 4:32

How To Apologize

1. _____ that what you did was wrong
2. Actually tell them you're _____
3. Don't use any _____

How To Forgive

1. _____ apology from someone who hurt you
2. Actually tell them that they're _____

FUEL NOTES #24

April 28, 2024

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

- 1 Corinthians 10:13

God Does Not Tempt Us, Only _____

So why do we say “lead us not into temptation”?

**Because We’re Asking God To _____ Us From
Temptation**

How Did Satan Tempt Adam and Eve?

1. _____ God’s Word

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

- Genesis 3:1

2. Promised a _____

“And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.”

- Genesis 3:2-4

FUEL NOTES #24

3. Temptation to Become _____

“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- Genesis 3:5

4. Result - _____

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”

- Genesis 3:6-7

How to Avoid Temptation

1. Avoid a tempting _____

- Don't be alone with your girlfriend or boyfriend
- Get a censorship app for your phone to block inappropriate content
- Whatever you struggle with - figure out how to avoid it
- Pick your friends wisely

2. If you're being tempted, _____!

- Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife, be like Joseph

3. Refute Satan with _____

- That means you need to know God's Word
- It's how Jesus refuted Satan when tempted

REVIEW TEST #2

Be able to write out the Lord's Prayer

Practice it a couple times below:

READING SUMMARIES

One of the best things you can do. . .

To grow closer to God is to be in His Word. God gives us the Bible to reveal who He is and His plan to save us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We also receive strength and encouragement to face the challenges of everyday life. You will read a chapter or two each day, and you will develop lifelong habits for doing a personal devotion.

Check List

- At home, read 1-2 chapters per day from the Lutheran Study Bible (ESV).
- After you have read the section, answer the questions on your reading summary. This is to help you understand what you've read.
- Write down any questions you have and bring it to FUEL.
- Once a month your progress will be checked.
- Keep the reading summaries in your workbook, do not turn them in.

GENESIS 1-5

Read Genesis 1-5, Due September 10, 2023

Re-Read Genesis 1

Write out what God created each day. Do you notice a pattern?

Day 1:

Day 2:

Day 3:

Day 4:

Day 5:

Day 6:

Re-Read Genesis 1:26-27

Mankind is made in God's _____

Since every person is made in the image of God, how should we treat others, even when it's hard to get along with them?

Re-Read Genesis 1:31

After God saw everything, He said it was _____

Re-Read Genesis 2:7

How did God create Adam?

Re-Read Genesis 2:18

God said it is not good for man to be alone, so he made _____

GENESIS 1-5

Re-Read Genesis 3:1

This is not the last time the Devil has said this to people. In fact, he tempts us today with this same question. What are some ways that Satan tempts us today, and tries to question the promises of God?

Re-Read Genesis 3:2-7

What did the serpent / Satan say to tempt Eve?

What did Eve say to the serpent / Satan?

Even though they knew it was wrong, they ate the fruit anyways. Why do you think they did this?

Re-Read Genesis 3:8-13

What did Adam and Eve say to God when they were caught?

Read Genesis 3:15

Even though humanity is now broken and cursed, there's going to be a decedent of Adam and Eve who will conquer Satan (crush his head) and save us. This person is Jesus!

GENESIS 6-11

Read Genesis 6-11, Due September 10, 2023

Re-Read Genesis 6:1-5

What are some of the descriptions of mankind here?

What are some of the causes of mankind's wickedness?

Re-Read Genesis 6:6

How does this verse show that God was emotionally upset with how His creation rejected Him?

Re-Read Genesis 6:7

Why do you think God had to take them off the earth? Couldn't He have just punished them instead?

Re-Read Genesis 6:8-13

How would you have felt talking to God, knowing that you're the only righteous person on earth?

GENESIS 6-11

Re-Read Genesis 6:22

Noah was given instructions to build the ark, and this was no small task. It had NEVER rained up until this point, so it seemed insane to build a boat. I'm sure Noah was mocked by the wicked people, and yet Noah pressed on. How can we avoid "mockers" when we stand up for what is right?

Re-Read Genesis 7:1-4

How many of each animal was on the ark?

Re-Read Genesis 7:24

How long was Noah on the ark?

Re-Read Genesis 9:8-12

What does this section say about God and His promises?

Closing Thoughts

This is a story about salvation, about God saving His people and starting over!

GENESIS 12-20

Read Genesis 12-20, Due September 10, 2023

Re-Read Genesis 12:1-3

What does God promise Abram?

What do you think it means that this new nation will be blessed to be a blessing?

If God has blessed us, how can we be a blessing to others?

Re-Read Genesis 12:4-5

God called Abram to go from Ur, which was one of the most civilized and biggest cities of the time, to the land of Canaan, which had nothing. It is like today going from New York City to Papua New Ginea! What does this say about the faith and trust Abram had in God?

Re-Read Genesis 12:6-8

God is promising Abram land, which becomes known as the PROMISED LAND. Get it? Even though God comes through on the promise generations later, God does not break His promise. What does this say about God?

GENESIS 12-20

Re-Read Genesis 12:10-20

What happened here?

How can we apply this story to today?

Re-Read Genesis 15:16

Why doesn't God give them this promised land right now?

Re-Read Genesis 16:1-4

What happened in this section?

How can we apply this to our lives?

Closing Thought

God did come through with His promise, it was later in chapter 22 when Isaac was born from Sarai who was 100 years old!

GENESIS 21-30

Read Genesis 21-30, Due September 10, 2023

Re-Read Genesis 22:1-3

What did God command Abraham to do?

Remember, Isaac was the **ONLY** child of Abraham and Sarah, and he was born when Abraham was 100 years old! God promised Abraham descendants and a great nation, so how do you think Abraham felt after hearing that he has to sacrifice Isaac?

Re-Read Genesis 22:4-10

What did Abraham do?

Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as:

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Abraham believes that God will provide. How was Abraham’s faith similar to this definition in Hebrews 11?

GENESIS 21-30

Re-Read Genesis 22:11-14

The angel stops Abraham, and what does he tell Abraham?

Closing Thought

This story is similar to Jesus. Remember, since we sinned against God, we deserve eternal death and hell, but Jesus stepped in and paid the price for our sin on the cross. So Jesus is like the ram, who died in our place.

GENESIS 31-40

Read Genesis 31-40, Due October 15, 2023

Background

Jacob was a tricky guy. When he was younger, Jacob bought his older brother Esau's birthright for just a bowl of soup. After Jacob's father Isaac blessed him, Esau was enraged and felt cheated. He vowed to kill his little brother, but their mother intervened and sent Jacob away. While he was gone, he got married, had children, and became very rich and powerful. But he knew that he must go back home, face his brother, and do all the things God commanded of him. That's where our story picks up, on the return trip home.

Re-Read Genesis 32:1-32

What were some of the difficult things Jacob had to do in this passage?

Who was the "man" that Jacob wrestled with that night?

What do you think it would be like to wrestle ALL NIGHT LONG with God?

GENESIS 31-40

Do you think that Jacob was tempted to give up during the wrestling match? Why or why not?

What did Jacob get for enduring for so long?

Closing Thoughts

Jacob did much the same thing. Here was a regular guy, just like you and me, who literally wrestled with God all night long...and was richly rewarded for it. He didn't back down, he didn't quit, he didn't throw in the towel, and God blessed him for it! Now, of course, God could have vaporized Jacob in an instant because He's God, and we know that because after "wrestling" with Jacob for hours, we're told that God simply "touched" Jacob on the hip and dislocated it. But God limited Himself and put Himself on Jacob's level, and Jacob hung in there...all night long!

That's the lesson that we need to learn, too. If we want to prevail in life, we must get up every time we are knocked down. We must never, ever give up because God blesses those who endure. If Jacob would have given up, he would not have been as blessed by God.

I sincerely hope that you hang in there. God has something great for you, I'm sure, but if you're wrestling right now, it's probably because God is bending and forming and shaping you into something He wants. That's often a painful process, but it's always what's best, too!

GENESIS 41-50

Read Genesis 41-50, Due October 15, 2023

Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so, do you ever fight? Why? About what? If you don't have any siblings, do you ever have conflicts with friends?

Re-Read Genesis 37:1-1

What dream does Joseph have?

In verse 8, the brothers said they hated Joseph. Hate is a strong word. If you were one of Joseph's brothers, how can you handle this conflict in a healthy way?

Re-Read Genesis 37:12-20

What is the plan of the brothers?

Why do you think that someone can do that to his own brother?

Re-Read Genesis 37:21-24

What do you think of Rueben's plan? Do you agree with it or not?

Re-Read Genesis 37:25-36

Do you think their plan worked?

If you were Joseph, how would you feel right now?

GENESIS 41-50

Re-Read Genesis 41:14-24

Joseph was imprisoned in Egypt, but was able to meet Pharaoh to interpret his dreams. What was Pharaoh's dream?

Re-Read Genesis 41:25-36

What was the actual interpretation of the dream?

Re-Read Genesis 41:37-45

Joseph is now rising to power. Remember the original dream that Joseph had in chapter 37. Do you think he is getting closer to this dream coming true? How?

Re-Read Genesis 42:1-5

Why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?

Re-Read Genesis 44:14

How does this fulfill Joseph's original dream in chapter 37?

Re-Read Genesis 45:1-15

How did Joseph react?

Forgiveness can be really hard. Why do you think it is?

Side Note:

Joseph's family moves to Egypt and they stay there for a few hundred years. However, they become enslaved and this sets up the book of Exodus!

EXODUS 1-6

Read Exodus 1-6, Due October 15, 2023

Re-Read Exodus 1:8-14

The Hebrews were increasing in number, so Pharaoh felt threatened. Why?

Re-Read Exodus 1:15-22

Wow, what did Pharaoh order the midwives to do?

Re-Read Exodus 2:1-10

How was Moses saved?

Re-Read Exodus 2:11-15

Why did Moses flee from Egypt?

Re-Read Exodus 2:23-25

God heard the crying and prayers of His people. What does this say about God?

Re-Read Exodus 3:1-4

Remember, Moses ran away not only from Egypt, but also the brutality and slavery of his people. Yet, when God calls him, what is his immediate response? Why do you think this is?

Re-Read Exodus 3:5-10

God lays out this big plan to rescue his people. And who's going to go into Egypt to free them? How do you think that made him feel?

EXODUS 1-6

Re-Read Exodus 3:11-12

How does Moses respond? Why do you think he said that?

How does God respond to Moses' doubt?

Re-Read Exodus 3:13

What is Moses' second doubt?

Re-Read Exodus 3:14-15

What name does God give Himself?

Re-Read Exodus 4:1-3

What is Moses' 3rd doubt?

How did God respond?

Re-Read Exodus 4:10-12

What is Moses' 4th doubt?

How does God respond?

EXODUS 7-11

Read Exodus 7-11, Due November 5, 2023

Write out each of the 10 plagues:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

How did the 10 plagues show God's power (note that the first three could be "imitated" by the Egyptian priests, but not any of the others!)

EXODUS 7-11

The 10 plagues were also punishment for the sins of Egypt. What did Pharaoh and Egypt do to deserve this?

How can God still be good and loving if he issues punishment?

EXODUS 12-19

Read Exodus 12-19, Due November 5, 2023

After 9 plagues Pharaoh still did not let the Hebrews free. Why do you think Pharaoh did this? After all, remember that there were some serious plagues, like blood in the Nile, lice, boils, thunderstorms and more!

Re-Read Exodus 12:1-32

What was God going to do for the final plague?

What was Pharaoh's response? (v.31)

Notice that the Hebrews were instructed to paint the door frames with the blood of a lamb. Back then, a lamb was very valuable and viewed as a pure, innocent animal. Jesus is also referred to as a lamb, so how can we draw a parallel of Jesus in this story?

Re-Read Exodus 12:33-42

Why did the Hebrews leave in such a hurry?

Fun fact: Jewish people celebrate this passover every year where they eat unleavened bread and remember what God did for them. Jesus celebrated this passover meal with His disciples, but He said do this in remembrance of me. Today we celebrate this meal at communion. This is why we have unleavened bread for communion.

EXODUS 12-19

Re-Read Exodus 13:21-22

What does this say about God?

Re-Read Exodus 14:1-9

God's people were freed and allowed to leave Egypt. Why do you think that Pharaoh changed his mind?

Read Exodus 14:10-12

What did these people complain of? Why would they think it's better to be in Egypt?

Why is this complaint ridiculous, considering Exodus 13:17-22?

Read Exodus 14:13-14

How does this statement show that Moses has great faith in God?

Read Exodus 14:15-22

If you were an Israelite, how would you feel, seeing that the sea is divided, and you are walking on dry ground?

Read Exodus 14:23-29

What does this say about God?

EXODUS 20-29

Read Exodus 20-29, Due November 5, 2023

Re-Read Exodus 20:1-2

How does God introduce Himself? Why do you think He starts off the 10 Commandments this way?

Re-Read Exodus 20:3-6

What do you think it means that God is a jealous God?

What are some modern-day examples of idols? (Not just other religions, but think of things we place before God)

Re-Read Exodus 20:7

What are ways we use the Lord's name in vain?

Re-Read Exodus 20:8-11

How do we honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy?

Re-Read Exodus 20:12

How can we honor our mother and father?

EXODUS 20-29

Re-Read Exodus 20:13

Jesus says this commandment is also about anger and hate. What are some ways that we can control our anger and resolve conflict in a Godly way.

Re-Read Exodus 20:14

This applies to all sexual immorality, but we will talk about this later in the year. For now, let's move on.

Re-Read Exodus 20:15

This applies to taking a candy bar from Circle K, but are other ways people steal?

Re-Read Exodus 20:16

Why do you think gossip can be so destructive? What are some ways we can use our words to build others up?

Re-Read Exodus 20:17

Why can envy be so destructive? What are ways that we can protect ourselves from envy?

EXODUS 30-40

Read Exodus 30-40, Due December 3, 2023

Re-Read Exodus 32

Why were the people upset with Moses? Why were the people upset with God?

Why did they create the golden calf? (Isn't it ironic that they JUST SAW God perform the plagues and parted the Red Sea, but quickly lose trust in God?)

What did the people do to honor their new idol?

If the people are using the golden calf as a symbol for Yahweh, what is the issue that God has with the golden calf?

How do God and Moses respond to the golden calf?

EXODUS 30-40

What had to happen for God to remain with the people of Israel?

What “idols” do we make today?

How can you keep God as the focus of your life instead of these other things that take over as our first priority?

LEVITICUS 1-9

Read Leviticus 1-9, Due January 28, 2024

Re-Read Leviticus 4:1-3

Why do you think God calls for the male without blemish for a sacrifice?

Have you ever sinned unintentionally? What does that mean?

Some of these sacrifices were for the forgiveness of sins. Why do you think God lays out a plan for people to receive forgiveness through sacrifices?

Re-Read Leviticus 4:5-12

The description of the bull being sacrificed seems a little gross and barbaric today. Why do you think God commanded this?

Re-Read Leviticus 5:1-6

When the person realizes that they've sinned, what are they to do?

LEVITICUS 1-9

What does this show about how seriously God takes sin? Why do some people think God doesn't care about sin, and that it's ok to live a sinful life?

Re-Read Leviticus 5:7

Why does God allow substitutes based upon what people can afford?

Read 1 Peter 1:18-19

How is Jesus the perfect and final sacrifice?

LEVITICUS 10-18

Read Leviticus 10-18, Due January 28, 2024

Background:

God commands His people to strictly obey a clean, kosher diet. These dietary restrictions are given for a few reasons. 1) It separates God's people from their pagan neighbors who cooked and ate certain unclean animals as part of pagan worship. 2) Without refrigeration, many unclean animals were unhealthy or unsafe to eat. 3) To mark God' people as a Messianic people, waiting for the Messiah (Jesus).

Today, many Jewish people still observe these kosher dietary laws, but many Christians don't. Why? It's not because Christians just felt like eating bacon, or because we felt that the Old Testament is outdated (it's not!). Jesus came to fulfill the Law, and part of Him fulfilling the Law was to remind us "What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them. (Matt 15:11)" He is talking spiritually of course, and since He fulfilled the Law by dying on the cross, we no longer have to follow the kosher dietary laws. We still obey moral laws of the Old Testament, such as the 10 Commandments because they apply to all people of all time. Kosher dietary laws were for Jewish people before Jesus.

Re-Read Leviticus 11:1-8: Land Animals

You may eat (clean) land animals that have split hooves AND chew their

What about land animals who have split hooves, but DON'T chew their cud?
Are they clean or unclean?

What about land animals who DON'T have split hooves, but chew their cud?
Are they clean or unclean?

For the animals listed in verses 4-8, circle whether they're clean or unclean:

Camel: clean unclean

Hyrax / Rock Badger: clean unclean

Rabbit: clean unclean

Pig: clean unclean

LEVITICUS 10-18

Re-Read Leviticus 11:9-12: Sea Creatures

You may eat (clean) fish that have fins AND _____

What about fish that don't have fins or scales, are they clean or unclean?

Re-Read Leviticus 11:13-23: Creatures In The Air

List the unclean birds listed in this section

Winged insects that go on all fours - (circle): clean unclean

Winged insects that have jointed legs above their feet: clean unclean

Locust: clean unclean

Bald Locust: clean unclean

Cricket: clean unclean

Grasshopper: clean unclean

Re-Read Leviticus 11:24-43: Swarming and Dead Animals

Anything that swarms on the ground: clean unclean

Dead animals: clean unclean

Re-Read Leviticus 11:44-47

What reason does God give to obey these laws in verse 44?

LEVITICUS 19-27

Read Leviticus 19-27, Due January 28, 2024

Background

The book of Leviticus contains many of God's laws. God provides laws to protect us and so that we may have life to its fullest. There are two types of laws found in Leviticus.

The Ceremonial Law is to remind the Jewish people that the Messiah will come from them, and to be marked as a Messianic people. Since Jesus came, He fulfilled these laws, so today we can eat bacon-wrapped scallops even though the kosher laws in Leviticus 11 declare pork and shellfish to be unclean.

The Moral Law, however, is to show us our sins and to remind us that we need Jesus, so these laws still apply today. When reading this book, any law that has to do with cleansing (especially priests) or dietary laws, are ceremonial and do not apply since Jesus fulfilled them. We still read Leviticus in this class because people in the Old and New Testaments followed these laws, but also because the Moral Law still applies to us today, and we need to hear God's laws for morality.

Re-Read Leviticus 23:1-3

What does it mean to observe the Sabbath?

Here, God is laying out the Jewish calendar, and he begins with the Sabbath. Where else in the Bible does God mention that we need to observe the Sabbath?

What are some excuses people come up with today for why they don't observe the Sabbath? What would you say to a friend who said those things?

LEVITICUS 19-27

Re-Read Leviticus 23:4-8

What was the Passover? (Refer to Exodus 12)

Why do you think God wanted His people to remember the Passover?

Later, Jesus is celebrating the Passover with His disciples. This time, He took the bread and said “Take, eat, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.” And then He took the wine and said “Take, drink, this is my blood. Do this in remembrance of me.” Why do you think Jesus wanted this passover meal to remember Him, rather than Moses?

Re-Read Leviticus 25:35-38

What does God call His people to do to those in poverty?

Re-Read Leviticus 26:1-13, and then Re-Read Leviticus 26:14-26

What does God promise if we follow Him? (Lev. 26:1-13)

What does God promise will happen if we reject Him? (Lev. 26:14-26)

NUMBERS 1-7

Read Numbers 1-7, Due February 25, 2024

Background

To recap what's happened, God's people were in slavery in Egypt, He freed them, then He gave them laws to live by (Leviticus) and now in the book of Numbers it tells the story of wandering the wilderness before they enter the Promised Land. It's called Numbers because a census is taken, and the people are counted.

Re-Read Numbers 3:5-10

What duties were the Levites given?

Why do you think God put some people in charge of the furnishings of the tent of meeting?

Re-Read Numbers 5:5-10

Why do you think God commands His people to confess their sins?

In verse 7, God commands that a thief is to add a fifth to whoever they wronged. Why do you think they did this?

NUMBERS 1-7

Back then, you needed to offer a sin offering to the Lord to be forgiven. Today, how do you receive forgiveness?

Re-Read Numbers 6:1-12

This Nazarite vow is voluntary, so why do you think that someone would ever want to make this kind of vow to the Lord?

Re-Read Numbers 6:22-27

Where have you heard this before?

Why do we do this today?

When you read these words, what word, phrase or line is the most meaningful to you?

NUMBERS 8-14

Read Numbers 8-14, Due February 25, 2024

Background

As soon as God's people were free from Egypt, and they received the law, they were supposed to go straight to the Promised Land. But, God's people reject God time and time again, so their punishment is they have to wander the desert for 40 years. The entire generation that was freed from Egypt will not enter; only the new generation. Here's the story why:

Re-Read Numbers 13:1-3 and Numbers 13:17-20

Why does Moses send spies?

Re-Read Numbers 13:25-29

What is the report of the spies?

Re-Read Numbers 13:30-33

Why do you think Caleb said this? Why do you think the men argued with him?

Re-Read Numbers 14:1-4

Why would the people cry out like that?

NUMBERS 8-14

What are some modern day examples of when life gets hard, and people cry out to God like this?

Re-Read Numbers 14:20-35

What is the punishment for the people's rebellion?

NUMBERS 15-21

Read Numbers 15-21, Due February 25, 2024

Background

So far, Moses has been a good leader. Even though he had a speech impediment, with God, he was able to lead God's people out of Egypt. He went up the mountain to hear God's commandments, and he gave them to God's people. He had to deal with people who were complaining, because they did not trust in God for their food and water. Moses is human, and like all of us, he makes mistakes. Here in Numbers 20, Moses makes a big mistake, and there are consequences.

Re-Read Numbers 20:1-9

What does God command Moses to do?

Re-Read Numbers 20:10-11

What does Moses do?

So what, why do you think this is a big deal?

NUMBERS 15-21

What are ways today that we rob God of His glory? When are times that we want to look good in front of others?

NUMBERS 22-28

Read Numbers 22-28, Due April 7, 2024

Read Numbers 22:1-3

How did the Moabites feel about the Israelites?

Read Numbers 22:4-6

Balak the king of Moab, has a plan to stop the Israelites, what is his plan?

Read Numbers 22:7-14

Balaam was in touch with “spirits” and practiced witchcraft. Balak the king of Moab sends his men to Balaam and asks him to curse God’s people. Why?

The true, living God approaches Balaam. What does command Balaam not to do in verse 12?

What did Balaam tell Balak’s men in verse 13?

Read Numbers 22:15-20

What does Balak offer Balaam?

After the second request, what does God say Balaam can do in verse 20?

NUMBERS 22-28

Read Numbers 22:21-23

God allowed Balaam to go with Balak's men as a test. Did God really want Balaam to go?

Read Number 22:24-27

Why was the donkey refusing to go forward?

Read Numbers 22:28

Wait, what did the donkey do?

Read Numbers 22:29-30

How did Balaam respond?

Read Numbers 22:31

What do you think it means that God opened the eyes of Balaam?

How did Balaam respond, even after being angry at his donkey?

Read Numbers 22:32-35

What does Balaam say in verse 34?

Read Numbers 22:36-41

What did Balaam say when he arrived in Moab?

Balaam was sinning and going against God's will. But God stepped in and prevented him from going any farther. Have you ever been on a road going away from God? Has God ever shown up, to prevent you from going any farther?

DEUTERONOMY 1-7

Read Deuteronomy 1-7, Due April 7, 2024

Background

God's people were freed from Egypt, but then they disobeyed God and wandered the desert. Their punishment is that their entire generation will die in the desert, and their children will inherit the Promised Land. To this new generation, Moses recaps what has happened, and recites the Law AGAIN. This new generation needs to hear it again right before they go into the Promised Land.

Re-Read Deuteronomy 1:19-33

What did Moses just summarize here?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 1:34-46

What did Moses just summarize here?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 4:15-18

Why does Moses command them to "be watchful" against making idols?
Why do they need to be on guard?

DEUTERONOMY 1-7

What are some ways that we can “be watchful” and guard ourselves against sin and temptation?

DEUTERONOMY 5

Read Deuteronomy 5, Due April 7, 2024

Background

The generation of Hebrews who crossed the Red Sea and were freed from slavery in Egypt have now died out. Moses wanted to repeat the law before the next generation inherited the Promised Land.

Re-Read Deuteronomy 5:7-21

Write Out the Ten Commandments:

#1 (verses 7-8):

#2 (verse 11):

#3 (verse 12):

#4 (verse 16):

#5 (verse 17):

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#6 (verse 18):

#7 (verse 19):

#8 (verse 20):

#9 (verse 21a):

#10 (verse 21b):

Why do you think the Ten Commandments were repeated to the people before they were about to inherit the Promised Land? In other words, why was this important?

DEUTERONOMY 8-14

Read Deuteronomy 8-14, Due May 5, 2024

Re-Read Deuteronomy 6:4-6

This is called the “Shema” which is Hebrew for the word “hear”. That makes sense, because the first word is “Hear”.

Read Luke 10:27

Jesus quotes the Shema here, but he adds “with all your _____”

He also added to love your neighbor as yourself. In fact, He says that sum of all the laws in the Old Testament is simply to love God and to love others. What are some practical ways that we can love others?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Because it’s so easy to forget things from one generation to another, God commands His people to pass down the faith and to remember God. He gives instruction for parents and the faith community (church) to model and teach the faith. What are we commanded to do?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 11:1-7

Why do you think that Moses needs to remind God’s people about freedom from Egypt?

DEUTERONOMY 8-14

Re-Read Deuteronomy 11:8-12

What are God's promises here? What is God commanding them to do?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 11:13-17

This section is "If... then". What is the "if" and what is the "then"?

What happens if they don't obey?

Let's make a guess. After God's people inherit the Promised Land, do they faithfully obey God and remember that He is the one who gave it to them?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 12:29-32

God commands them not to worship the idols when they conquer these nations living in the Promised Land. Why do you think people would be tempted to worship these idols, especially after just defeating them?

In verse 32, this is referring to the sacrifices for the false god Molech. Apparently, you would sacrifice not just animals but your living children in a fire pit. This would be for extreme purposes, as in they want this false god to give them a good harvest to end a famine. But this shows just how evil and awful these pagan sacrifices were.

Re-Read Deuteronomy 14:22-29

God talks about tithing 10% of our money, and giving it to Him. Why do you think He does this?

Many Christians struggle with giving God 10%. Why do you think this is?

DEUTERONOMY 15-21

Read Deuteronomy 15-21, Due May 5, 2024

In Chapter 16, what festivals does God command His people to observe? (you can even use the headers to see)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Re-Read Deuteronomy 16:18-20

What's the role of the judge?

What does this say about God?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 18:1

Since the Levites don't receive any land as an inheritance, what does God give them?

DEUTERONOMY 15-21

Re-Read Deuteronomy 19:1-3

What happens if someone kills “unintentionally”?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Why was God’s punishment for disobeying your parents?

Why do you think this punishment was so severe?

DEUTERONOMY 22-27

Read Deuteronomy 22-27, Due May 5, 2024

Re-Read Deuteronomy 24:19-22

When you harvest in the first pass, there are still some crops left behind. God's people were commanded NOT to go back a second time to get the remaining. Why?

What does this say about God and how he cares for all people?

What are some ways that we can care for the poor and oppressed? What are some 2018 examples of not harvesting a second time?

DEUTERONOMY 22-27

Re-Read Deuteronomy 25:13-16

People would have different weights to rip others off and be dishonest. What are some ways people are dishonest today? What about cheating in school? Why is that so accepted? Is it ever ok?

Re-Read Deuteronomy 26:1-4

Why do you think that God commands His people to make an offering once they inherit the Promised Land?

SERVICE REPORTS

God gave you spiritual gifts . . .

So you can USE them, not just sit on them! This year you're going to pick a ministry (or two) and you're going to serve. Use your spiritual gifts (from Fuel Notes #2) to pick a ministry, and you will have fun helping make an impact in our community and church.

Check List

- Complete the spiritual gifts assessment (from Fuel Notes #2)
- Pick a ministry (or two) to serve in and tell Mike Edge to get you plugged in
- Each semester, tear out the Service Report and hand it to the head of the ministry you served
- They will evaluate whether you were on time, gave effort, had a good attitude, etc.
- If you were unsuccessful in serving, you will not be confirmed or move up.

SERVICE REPORT

Due May 5, 2024

Name: _____

Ministry I chose to serve: _____

[Students, carefully cut out this page and hand it to the head of the ministry you served. Below is for the ministry leader to fill out]

Ministry Leader:

Thanks for letting our confirmation students serve your ministry! You are helping them grow in their faith, and we hope they contributed in a positive way towards your ministry!

Rate the confirmation student's service:

Served when scheduled / needed: 1 2 3 4 5
poor excellent

Showed up on time: 1 2 3 4 5
poor excellent

Worked hard: 1 2 3 4 5
poor excellent

Had a positive attitude: 1 2 3 4 5
poor excellent

Contributed to the ministry: 1 2 3 4 5
poor excellent

[Ministry leader, turn this in to Mike Edge]

ESSAY

Due April 14, 2024 (Year 3 students only)

Format

12 pt font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, double spaced, 3-4 pages, written in a standard essay format (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion).

Discussion Questions

1. What is your faith story? As in, when did you start going to church, when did God become “real” for you, how have you grown in your faith, what challenges have you experienced in your faith, etc.
2. Why did you join confirmation? What were you hoping to get out of it? What did you get out of it?
3. Who is Jesus? How is He your friend? How is He Lord of your life?
4. What is your confirmation verse? Why did you pick it?
5. How are you going to grow in your faith during your high school years? In other words, what is your next step? List at least 3 goals for growing closer to Christ AFTER confirmation.

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Due April 14, 2024 (Year 3 students only)

Note: You may pick your own verse, outside this list, but you must explain why it is meaningful.

Revelation 2:10 - "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Hebrews 13:5 - "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

John 10:27-28 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Acts 16:31 - "And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

1 Corinthians 6:20 - "For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Luke 11:28 - "But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

John 8:12 - "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalms 37:5 - "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Due April 14, 2024 (Year 3 students only)

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Romans 8:38-39 - "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 Corinthians 13:11 - "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Psalms 62:1-2 - "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."

Isaiah 6:8 - "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Psalms 27:14 - "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Psalms 25:4-5 - "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long."

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Matthew 7:7 - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Psalms 23:1 - "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalms 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

CONFIRMATION RITE

May 12, 2024 at 11:00am Service

Edge: At this time, we get to hear a profession of faith from our confirmation students. These young people, each baptized believers in Christ Jesus, have studied God's Word, and have learned the belief and practice of His people. They are here today to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

[Mike invites up confirmands individually, they come to the rail with their family and sponsors. Confirmand kneels and family and sponsors place hands on confirmand.]

Pastor: [The pastor places his hand on the confirmand's head and makes the sign of the cross while praying]
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing NAME to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving Name. Grant that he may continue to trust in You and follow You all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Edge: Confirmands, please stand. Let us pray. O God our Father, we praise You for gathering us as Christ's people and for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank You for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together may we live in Your Spirit and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "You did not choose me, but I chose and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit". And, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven".

CONFIRMATION RITE

Edge: Friends, Jesus Christ has chosen you, and in baptism has joined you to Himself. He has called you, together with us, into the church, which is His body. Now, He has brought you to this time and place, so that you may confess His name before me, and go out to serve Him as faithful disciples.

Pastor: NAME, who is your Savior and Lord?

Confirmand: Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.

Pastor: Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His word and to live in His love? If so, say, "I do".

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? If so, say, "I will".

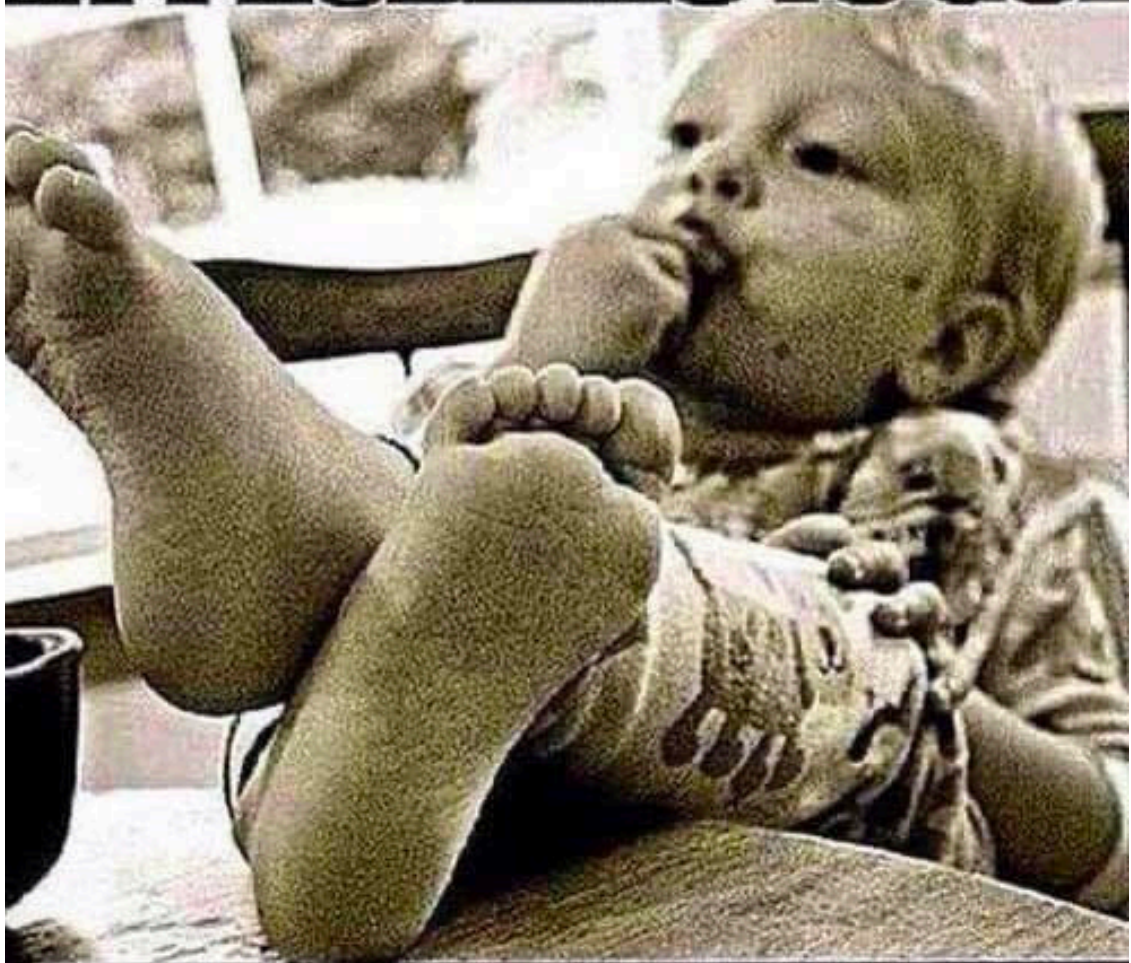
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Edge: NAMES, you are disciples of Jesus Christ. He has commissioned you. Live in His love and serve Him always. May the Lord stir up in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, confirm your faith, guide your life, empower you in serving, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Welcome to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Go, and serve the Lord. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Confirmands, turn now to the congregation, and congregation, let us welcome them. [applause]

Pastor: You may be seated.

**EVER SINCE I GAVE
MY PROBLEMS TO GOD**



I BEEN CHILLIN

LORD'S PRAYER (ESV)

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts

As we also have forgiven our debtors

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

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