



WARMUP

A RUN THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Discussion Questions for the week of April 16th

BIG IDEA: ““Why the Old Testament?” And “What can Jr high students get out of it?” The majority of churches and Christian culture only focus on the New Testament, but without a proper understanding of the Old, the New cannot be fully understood. Join us this week for a look through the entire Old Testament and the faithfulness of God in keeping his promises.

ICE BREAKER:

What is your favorite story/novel/movie series? Can you imagine how much you would miss if you only saw the second half?

DISCUSSION:

1. What are your views on the Old Testament & How do you think God is described in the Old Testament? (You could think each book describes him differently) (ex: savior, murderer, etc.)

Read Judges 2:1-3, Judges 4:1, Judges 6:1, and Judges 10:6.

2. So how do you think “God’s people” (the Israelites) are viewed throughout the old testament? Has faithfulness been their marker?

3. Israel was consistently unfaithful in following God. What sort of things do you struggle with in being consistent in following the Lord?

4. Knowing that God is keeping his promises no matter what, what sort of promises are you waiting on?

5. How has God demonstrated his faithfulness?

Expanded thought: The Abrahamic Covenant promised three things (land, seed, and blessing). By thanking the Lord for that child, the Lord blessed that child as promised in the covenant.

Read Genesis 29:35

6. Why do you think Leah, one of Jacob’s wives blessed Judah? What implications does this have based on the Abrahamic Covenant we learned about last week?

7. Can you think of any relation from Jesus to the child of Judah? Ever heard of the Lion of Judah (reference Revelation 5:5)?

a. Isn’t it crazy that Jesus comes all the way back from Judah?

Read the Bronze Serpent: Numbers 21:4-9

8. In the first couple of verses Israel is complaining about being brought out of slavery in Egypt. What sort of things has God freed you from that you consistently look back upon wishing you were still there?

9. In verse 7 the people repent, and God provides a way for them to be healed. Is there anything you currently are struggling with that could use healing?

10. What sort of things in the New Testament can you think of that are similar to the story of the bronze serpent? (answer: Jesus being on the cross and by that we are healed). Isn’t it crazy that the Old Testament foreshadows Jesus.

APPLICATION:

Can you see why the Old Testament is the “Warmup” for the New Testament? Can you see that the entire story is setting the stage for Jesus to come?

Look at Luke 3:23-38

From the sermon over the weekend, have you heard any of these names before? What if I told you that the entire Old Testament God is showing you exactly where Jesus comes from.. would that change your view on the Old Testament?

Challenge: Read Genesis together as a small group.