

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE GROUP RESEARCH PROJECT

5/10/19

- 1) In small groups you will be assigned a particular book of the Bible to research and present.
- 2) As a group you are to write a 3-5 page paper on your particular book.
- 3) In order to better interpret and apply the Bible to our lives, understanding the historical context, authorship, and audience are of tremendous importance. With that as a given, please answer the following questions:
 - a) What was the historical context of the book? What was going on at that time in history there?
 - b) Approximately when was it written?
 - c) Who was the author?
 - d) Who was the intended audience of the book?
 - e) What are the key passages of the book?
 - f) What are the main messages of the book?
 - g) And how can it be relevant to teenagers today?
- 4) In order to be fair, the papers will be **due on the same day** in a few weeks.
- 5) **MLA writing standards** are expected, including headers and a Works Cited page. There needs to be at least one parenthetical citation per paragraph. Remember to proof your paper – a lot of mistakes are made that would be caught if you proofed your paper. Include web addresses for internet sources.
- 6) Use a **minimum of SIX sources** - Required sources:
 - Your etext
 - The Bible
 - *The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible* (Print, 1962) – in Media Center
 - *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (Print, 2003) – in Media Center
 - o Other recommended resources:
 - *Halley's Bible Handbook* – by Henry H. Halley (Print 2007)
 - *The Colledgeville Bible Commentary* – Editors – Bergant and Karris (Print 1989)
 - *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary* – Editors – Brown et al. (Print 1990)
- 7) **CITE YOUR SOURCES!** If there is any thought, idea or quotation that you did not create, it **MUST** be cited! Anything to the contrary is plagiarism and will be dealt with according to the student handbook. And for web sources on your Works Cited, put the websites where they can be found.
- 8) Next, you will do at least a **3-5 minute class presentation** articulating your particular book. You are to type up a handout summarizing your research and any pertinent notes. If you get them to me ahead of time, I will make the copies. (The handout copies have to be ready when you do the presentation). Otherwise, you must make the copies. In your presentation you will an audio visual aid. Creativity is strongly encouraged (rather than simply reading from the handout). Everyone in your group should participate in the presentation.
- 9) You will be **graded** based on the following criteria. The paper will be worth 75 points. The presentation handout (10 points), the presentation (25 points), and your audio visual aid (15 points). This counts for a substantial portion of your grade so be responsible in your research and presentation. You will be given the same grade as the others in your group unless I hear otherwise that the work was not evenly distributed.
- 10) We will be using some class time for research in the Media Center. The first projects will begin in a few weeks.

Books of the Bible from which to Choose

[Those without brackets are your choices. The order listed will be the order discussed in class].

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| 1) Psalms | 6) Jeremiah | 11) James |
| 2) Hosea | 7) Romans | 12) 1 Peter |
| 3) Amos | 8) 1 Corinthians | 13) 1 John |
| 4) Micah | 9) Philippians | 14) Revelation |
| 5) Isaiah | 10) 1 Thessalonians | |

LIVING THE SCRIPTURES RESEARCH PROJECT

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Date: _____

Topic: _____

Illustration (15): _____

Handout (10): _____

Presentation (25): _____

Total: _____

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Title of Paper

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In the Bible, “God gave his only begotten Son to die for us” (John 3:16) which basically means that God so loved us that He would send His Son to die for us that we may have eternal life in heaven.

“The works of mercy are charitable actions...” (*Catechism* 588)

“East Germany was just one of the countries that was torn apart by the Cold War” (Yule).

“One of the tendencies in modern Protestantism to affirm that the doctrines of the Christian faith are derived from an analysis...” (“Experience Theology”). [from *New Catholic Encyclopedia*]

“St. Paul was addressing the Christian community...” (“Corinthians”) [from *The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*.]

Works Cited

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