

The Bible

Week 4: Jesus in the Old Testament

Group Time

Ice Breaker

Prayer

Worship

Introduction

Over the past few weeks, we have been studying how the Bible came to us and what the Bible means for us as followers of Christ. This week, we'll look at both the Old and the New Testaments, answering questions such as: Why did the early Christians look to the Jewish holy scrolls? Why did this upset the Jewish people? What can we learn from the Old Testament and its history? Let's dive in!

Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 24:25-27 (Jesus, after his resurrection, to the men on the road to Emmaus). **a.** What was Jesus telling these men about the prophets' writings? Read Psalms 78:1-2 and Matthew 13:34-35. **b.** Why is it important for us as modern Christians to be familiar with the prophecies in the Old Testament?
2. Read Exodus 20:2-3 and Jeremiah 32:38. **a.** Why do you think the people of the Old Testament are called the "chosen people," basing your answer on the verses read?¹ Read John 15:16. **b.** In looking at other similarities from the Old Testament to the New, why is it important for us to understand the Old Testament?
3. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. **a.** What are these verses saying about the new covenant? Read Hebrews 9:11-15. **b.** Why would this passage upset the Jewish people in the first and second centuries of early Christianity?
4. Read Galatians 4:4-7. **a.** What words or phrases are exciting to you? Read Romans 11:17-18. **b.** Why do you think Paul penned these words? **c.** In light of our study of the Old Testament, will your reading of the Bible change at all? Share.

Prayer/Ministry

¹ Psalms 105:43: "So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing."

Taking It Home

Going Deeper

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Memory Verse

1 John 3:1a: “See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.”