
Discovering God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

STUDY GUIDE

How to use this Guide

This Leader's Guide is meant to be a tool, a resource to help unpack the Old Testament with your group. The guide is broken into three sessions: Open, Read and Watch, and Discuss. Open your group with prayer and community fellowship, then watch the video and read the texts, and then discuss. The guide is not just something to simply go through or "get done" each session. It doesn't contain all the answers to every part of the Old Testament. Rather, it's meant to be a springboard for conversation and discipleship within your group. We hope and pray that this series will be fruitful for you and your group as you continue to grow in Christ. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Josh at jgores@riverlawn.org.

Session 1

Open:

1. Open this series with prayer.

Pray that God would use this time of teaching and community to develop a deeper love for His Word, for Jesus Christ His Son, and for the local Church. Pray that God would strengthen and grow your faith and provide you with wisdom and understanding of the Old Testament.

2. Whenever you have a question about something, how do you typically pursue an answer? What questions, off the top of your head, do you have about the Old Testament?

3. What hopes or expectations do you have for you and your group for this study? What fears do you have about studying the Old Testament?

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Read and Watch:

4. What does Nasser contend is the point of the Old Testament?
How does our salvation connect to that purpose?

5. What is significant about the words, "In the beginning?"
How do those words shape the manner in which we describe
and view God and His Word?

6. Read Luke 24:25-27 and 44-47.

25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself... 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

What does it mean that all Scripture points to Jesus?

Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer?

Can you think of any passages in the Old Testament that prophetically foreshadow Christ's suffering?

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Discuss:

7. After watching session one, what is one takeaway from Nasser's teaching? In your own words, why is the Old Testament important?
8. Close together in prayer. This week, pray daily for your group and this study. Pray for growth in Christ and a fruitful increase in knowledge as well as faith.