

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PLAYBOOK FOR LIFE: Old Testament
February 10 & 13, 2022



Introduction:

1. If you've ever tried to read the Bible in a year, what Old Testament book always makes you want to give up because you got bogged down in detail and minutia?
2. What Old Testament story is your favorite? Why?

Discussion:

3. Consider the example of Genesis 12:10-20. What are some incorrect ways to interpret the story? What was God's intended meaning in telling that story?
4. Are there times when we (or Christians in general) have forced a narrative into a story that God didn't necessarily intend?
5. Are the stories in the Old Testament black and white? I.e., Villains are always villains, good guys are always good, a way to behave/think/respond in one story is always the way to behave/think/respond in another story?
6. Is God "wishy-washy" or inconsistent? What changes in the Old Testament stories?
7. Read James 1:5. How does this help when reading the Old Testament?
8. Read 1 Samuel 25:2-31. Consider the way that Sarai responded vs. the way that Abigail responded. What's the

difference and why are there two such disparate examples of the way a Godly woman acted?

9. Why do we get bogged down when we try to read the books of the law (esp. Leviticus, Deuteronomy, or even Numbers)? If you don't ever get bogged down, read Leviticus 14:33-54 and explain how God's instructions for spreading mildew keeps you on the edge of your seat (Ha!).
10. In our culture today, do we have any "we get to do" type of practices, laws or customs? Do we have any "we have to do" types of practices, laws or customs? What's the difference?
11. Read Colossians 3:23. Does that change your perspective on "get to do" and "have to do" circumstances?
12. Is it ever scary or do you feel threatened, discouraged or confused when you read Old Testament prophets? (as an example, read Jeremiah 4:5. Did you learn anything from this week's sermon that shed light on the confusion? (who is Jeremiah addressing, what time period is he talking about)
13. Are there specific examples of prophecy in the Old Testament that you personally connect with and if so, which give you confidence, hope or confirmation?

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