

Unit 3: The God Question

List of Concepts and Materials

A. Understanding Islam -----

Assignment: Charter of Quebec values would ban religious symbols for public workers - Article and Response Questions

B. Trying to Understand God -----

- 3 Stages of faith and constructive/destructive questioning
 - Concepts of God (know the lesson from each one):
 1. The vision of God in 'The Egg'
 2. God in Futurama (Episode: Godfellas)
 3. Einstein's 3 Stages of Religions
 4. God revealed through the 3 stages of faith
 5. The Pope's statement: *"God did not wave a magic wand"*
 6. Christof's relationship to Truman in 'The Truman Show'
- Handouts:**
1. Some General Definitions for Unit 3
 1. Unit 2 to 3 Transition & The Egg
 2. Faith and Religion in Science
 3. Faith
 4. Trying to Understand God & Four components of Covenants
- Assignment:** Truman Show

C. Theme 7: How did God shape the Hebrew Culture -----

Definitions: Covenant, Chosen People, prophet, revelation, Torah, xenophobia

- 4 Components of Covenants
- Handouts:**
1. Covenants in the Old and New Testament Table (Abraham, Moses and Jesus)
 2. Covenants and Prophets
 3. The Chosen People

D. Theme 8: How does Jesus reveal God to us? -----

Definitions: Parable, kingdom of God, new covenant, incarnation, Synoptic Gospels, a new name for God

- 5 Characteristics of parables
- Group Assignment:** Parables (summary and message)
- Handouts:**
1. Jesus as a Historical Figure
 2. How do we know about Jesus?
 3. Parables
 4. Parable Summary

E. Theme 9: Christ and Culture in conversation -----

Definitions: Church, grace

- 5 ways Christ acts in our culture
- Handout:**
1. Christ and Culture in Conversation (on the back of Parable Summary)

Review Questions

The following questions don't cover all the material for the unit but they will get you started on your studying. Refer to the list on the back of this page for everything covered in the unit.

1. What did God 'choose' the Hebrews to do? Why is it important Jews carry on this mission in our world today?
2. What 2 ways do we know about Jesus' life?
3. We looked at a bunch of stories involving concepts of God in the first part of this unit: The Egg, Godfellas (Futurama Episode), The Truman Show.
 - a. Choose **one** of these and **identify the 5 Characteristics of parables** in the story.
 - b. What is the message in the story?
 - c. Would you consider it a parable?
4. What is the Hebrew name for God? Why do Jews not pronounce it?
5. Why do you think God establishes covenants with individuals instead of talking to large groups of people?
6. What does 'Synoptic Gospel' mean? Which Gospel is not synoptic?
7. What are 4 ways Jesus changed the Hebrew way of thinking about God? Briefly describe each one.
8. What is the textbook definition of 'Church'?
9. What is faith? (according to what we discussed in this course) Describe the 3 stages of faith
10. Give an example of destructive and constructive questioning
11. Describe how is faith a part of Science.
12. Write the following Jesus events in the correct order: Ascension, Crucifixion, Ministry, Baptism, Resurrection, Pentecost
13. What does the name Christ mean? Where did it come from?
14. Where was Jesus born? Where did he grow up? Where was he crucified?
15. Define covenant. What did God promise in the covenants with Abraham, Moses and Jesus?
16. After completing this unit, how would you complete this sentence: God is....
17. Think about other questions I could ask on the test that aren't included here...