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Ebenezer Youth Family Discipleship Guide 2024-25

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Introduction to the Ebenezer Youth Family Discipleship Guide

The Ebenezer Youth Family Discipleship guide aims to help parents/ caregivers disciple the youth of our church.

As a church, we believe discipleship to Jesus is at the center of all we do. At Ebenezer Youth, we strive for any youth who joins our community to follow Jesus for life so they might become disciples who take on His character, ways, and mission.

The reality, however, is that Ebenezer Youth's discipleship strategy is limited when not partnered with parents/ caregivers¹. We believe this because it is proven that the primary influence of our youth is the parents/ caregivers². Therefore, we see ourselves at Ebenezer Youth as coming alongside you and partnering with what you are doing in your parenting of our youth.

This guide's aim and function are to provide you with intentional discussion starters and content to engage our youth through all eight sermon series we will cover this coming year, plus two appendices. Statistics reveal that when content is not paired with loving accountability and follow-up, it does not stick.³ Therefore, this guide will allow you to engage with your youth as you will and please to ultimately point your youth closer to Jesus.

As always, if you have any questions regarding this please never hesitate to reach out to William Dmytrow (Jr/Sr Youth Pastor) at will@ebenezerbaptist.ca

¹ Christian Smith, "Parental Involvement in Youth Religious Activities: Links with Adolescents' Faith Development." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 43, no. 4 (2004): 349-367.

² Jay Belsky. "Parental Influences on Children's Behavioral and Emotional Development." *Developmental Psychology* 25, no. 6 (1989): 729-739.

³ Marieke Thurlings, et al. "The Effects of Accountability and Learning Strategies on Achievement Outcomes." *Educational Research* 56, no. 2 (2014): 207-222.

Series One – Jr & Sr

The Story of God – September 24–November 6 2024

Introduction to this series

The Story of God is a six-part series that introduces God's storyline to begin our fall.

What to Know about this series

Scholars have widely proposed that God's story has six acts (1. Creation, 2. Fall, 3. Israel, 4. Jesus, 5. The Church, 6. New Creation).⁴

We want to introduce the story of God in a foundational series that allows us to move towards discipleship in Jesus in introductory ways with the six key movements of God's story that allow us to draw deeper in new and unique ways.

The vision and aim of this series

This series aims to function similarly to the Alpha series, which introduces vital thematic concepts of the Christian faith and discipleship to Jesus. The difference, though, is we seek to run deep into a concept that only a few have thought through at this point in their stage of following Jesus. From our end as a youth ministry, we seek to dive deep into each of the six acts and then tie them together to create one big story that boils down to one line:

"We learn through God's story that His story is a rescue plan to save us, His creation."

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions⁵ to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

1. If you could tell someone who asked you for your life story, what would you tell them?
2. If you had to guess what my (insert your name) life story was, what would I say?

⁴ N.T. Wright. *The New Testament and the People of God*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1992.

⁵ Cindy E Hmelo-Silver, et al. "The Effects of Open-Ended Questions on Communication and Learning." *Educational Psychology Review* 21, no. 1 (2009): 21-35.

3. Do you think that in the same way that you or I have a life story, do you think God has a story? If so, if you could think of what God's story is, what would you say?
4. What are the different 'acts' of God's story? What do you learn from each of them?
5. How would learning about God's story grow your faith in Him?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

Beginning & Fall - Genesis 1-3, Genesis 50v20; Romans 3v23-24

Israel - Genesis 12v1-3, 2 Samuel 7v12-16; Isaiah 9v6-7;

Jesus - Matthew 4v17; Matthew 5-7; John 1v1-18; John 3v16; 1 Corinthians 15v3-8

The Church - Matthew 28v18-20; Acts 1v8; Acts 2v42-47; Romans 10v10-15; 1 Corinthians 12-14

New Creation- Revelation 21v1-5

Areas where you can dive deeper

- **Creation:** how/why/ was the world created? (Theology of Creation)
- **Fall:** The implications today of why our world has fallen. The three spiritual enemies are the world, the flesh, and the devil. How do these three enemies have us in the stronghold of sin today? (Theology of Sin)
- **Jesus:** How does Jesus functionally save us, and why should this change us today? (Theology of Christology)
- **The Church:** What is the purpose of the church today? Why do we call ourselves part of the church? Is the church essential to us today? Do I go to church, or am I the church? What's the difference...? (Theology of Ecclesiology)
- **New Creation:** What will happen to our world once it is over/ when I pass away? Why might understanding what God thinks about this subject be necessary even though many people have a lot of thoughts about this? (Theology of Eschatology)
 - o ***In all these areas of where to dive deeper, make sure to integrate discipleship to Jesus and our need to follow His ways, character, and mission and contextualize this to the particular topic***

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family, as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to

any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice⁶:

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting?
3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about His story?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted of you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited for this series and ready to learn about The Story of God and how to dive deeper into His rescue plan to save His people.

⁶ Victoria Shaw, and Daniel C. Shaw. "From Listening to Spiritual Transformation: The Role of Small Group Discussion in Bridging Sermon to Practice." *Journal of Psychology and Christianity* 37, no. 2 (2018): 126-138.

Series Two – Jr & Sr

Rule of Life – November 12–December 10 2024

Introduction to this series

The Rule of Life is a series on how to begin ‘following Jesus for life’ by intentionally practicing His ways. It moves from our first series as an introductory series to faith to a series now moving us towards putting these things into ongoing practice and depth.

What to Know about this series

This series is about uncovering the ancient biblical practices Jesus took on Himself; particularly, we will explore nine spiritual practices that your youth and family can begin to adopt together.

The nine are as follows: 1. Sabbath, 2. Prayer, 3. Scripture, 4. Generosity, 5. Silence & Solitude, 6. Fasting, 7. Community, 8. Service, 9. Witness.⁷

For 1000’s of years, followers of Jesus have followed these nine practices. To combat our over-busy society filled with distraction and hurry, we need to uncover these practices that do not add more to our life (although they appear to) but instead, bring stabilization to it and deepen our discipleship to Jesus (which the bible and studies support).⁸

The vision and aim of this series

This series aims to function as a pathway to following Jesus for life. We will introduce these nine practices and build a ‘rule of life,’ which, in other words, means developing a pathway with Jesus contextualized to our life, where one adopts a pathway to growing deeper in one’s walk with Jesus.

As a youth ministry, we seek to dive into these practices and begin to conceptualize what it would look like to adopt them to grow in our walks with God. The vision of this series is as follows:

“Jesus calls us to take on His ways, character, and mission and building a rule of life and practicing his ways will allow us to grow in Him through a clear discipleship pathway.”

⁷ John Mark Comer, *Practicing the Way* (Colorado Springs: WaterBrook, 2024).

⁸ Masters, Kevin S., et al. "The Role of Spiritual Disciplines in Religious and Spiritual Coping." *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion* 26, no. 4 (2016): 309–322.

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

1. If you were to train to become the best version of yourself, how would you go about it?
2. Do you think God has a way for you to become the best version He has intended you to be? If so, how do you think God has gone about this?
3. How could integrating a rule of life (these nine practices) into your life be helpful? Would it make a difference?
4. Are there any practices we could do together as a family?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

- **To Follow Jesus's ways** - Matthew 4v19; Luke 9v23
- **The Practices** - Genesis 2v2-24; Psalms 46v10; Matthew 6v16-18, Matthew 28v19-20; Mark 1v35, Mark 2v27; Mark 16v15; Acts 1v8, Acts 2v42; 2 Corinthians 9v6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5v17; 2 Timothy 3v16-17; Hebrews 4v9-11, Hebrews 4v12

Areas where you can dive deeper

- **Sabbath** - What is the difference between resting and relaxing? Why would God call us to work 'hard' for six days and rest 'hard' for one day? What would an ideal day of rest look like for you, and how could we as a family begin to rest once a week?
- **Prayer** - Do you actually believe prayer works? Have there been times when prayer has or has not been answered? How do we create a deeper prayer life with God individually for you or us as a family?
- **Scripture** - Are there times when you read the bible and feel like you understand nothing? What do you think is the best way actually to read the bible? Do you think the bible can change lives? What could a rhythm of reading the bible daily individually or as a family look like?
- **Generosity** - Why would we give away our time and money? Why do you think we have the tension of wanting to keep everything for ourselves, but also, at the same time, we somewhat know it's important to be generous? What could generosity look like for you and also us as a family?
- **Silence & Solitude** - Why do silence and solitude seem like such a counter-cultural idea in today's age? What could silence and solitude look like for you?

- **Fasting** – Why do you think fasting isn't talked about much even though Jesus tells us to fast (c.f. Matthew 6:16-18)? Do you think you would ever consider fasting?
- **Community** – Where have you found the most Jesus-centred community? How can you continue to make that community better for others? How can we as a family become a more Jesus-centred community?
- **Service** – Why would serving others be important? How could you, individually or as a family, begin to think of how we could serve others?
- **Witness** – Why would sharing your faith in Jesus to others be important? Is there anyone in your life you think you could share your faith with?
 - o ***In all these areas of where to dive deeper, make sure to integrate discipleship to Jesus and our need to follow His ways, character, and mission and contextualize this to the particular topic***

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family, as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice:

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting?
3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about practicing His ways through a rule of life?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited about this series and ready to learn how to implement a 'Rule of Life' through these nine practices.

Series Three – Jr & Sr

Controversial Christianity – January 7–January 29 2025

Introduction to this series

Controversial Christianity is a series we do annually in January where we talk head-on about the 'hot topics' of faith issues going on in society in a Jesus-centred, gospel-focused, scripturally grounded way through topics our youth are inevitably engaging in at school and social media (and often in ways counterproductive to the way of Jesus.

What to Know about this series

This series will talk about various issues through a variety chapel (various seminars one can choose) or at a big chapel to hear a sermon.

The topics that could be covered are as follows: apologetics, mental health, social media, justice, sexuality, being an athlete and following Jesus, and deconstruction.

The reason for addressing this is from my experience in Ebenezer Youth is that our youth are talking about these issues but often receive answers in ways contrary to the way of Jesus. We need to address this.

The vision and aim of this series

I (Will) often find two problems in youth ministries I know of: 1. The youth ministry never engages in hot topics that the youth are really asking about, or 2. The youth ministry only talks about hot-topic issues. And to me, both of these are problematic.

For us, our aim is to address the hot-topic issues intentionally in the month of January because our youth have so many questions that sometimes will not be answered throughout a general series, we do in the other eleven months that we as a youth ministry function in. So therefore, as many surveys point out, creating space for the hard questions to be asked will help in long-term faith in Jesus for our youth.⁹

⁹ Pattison, Stephen. "Faith in the Midst of Faithfulness: The Role of Doubt in the Christian Life." *International Journal of Practical Theology* 19, no. 1 (2015): 54-69.

The vision of this series is as follows:

“In this world, many hot topics can make us doubt our faith, but instead of avoiding this or only talking about it, we seek to make space to answer the most difficult questions we have head-on in a Jesus-centred, gospel-focused, and biblically grounded way.”

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

1. Are there any hot topic issues in society today that sometimes make you doubt your faith/ or Christianity?
2. What are the topics you see that people get most angry about? Which hot topic are you most passionate about?
3. Is there a hot topic on which you have a ‘hot take’? If so, what is it?
4. Is there any hot topic questions that you have had for a while that you have wanted to ask?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

- **Hot topics** - Isaiah 1v17; Matthew 19v3-12; 1 Corinthians 9v24- 25; Ephesians 4v29; Philippians 4v6-7; 1 Peter 3v15-16; James 1v5-6

Areas where you can dive deeper

In this series, there are many ‘rabbit holes’ you can dive deep into and we could spend pages writing on here. We have access to strong faith-based parent/caregiver guides to almost any hot topic you can think of. If you have specific topics in mind you are looking for assistance with, please email Will (Jr/Sr Youth Pastor) at will@ebenezerbaptist.ca and he will get them to you ASAP.

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family, as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice:

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit’s prompting?

3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about hot topics?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted of you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited about this series and ready to learn how to approach hot topics in a way that brings honour to God's name.

Series Four – Jr only

The Gospel of Matthew – February 4–April 15 2025

Introduction to this series

The Gospel of Matthew is a historical biography of Jesus, and we have much to learn from it. This series will be at Jr youth only, we will be diving into this series in seven parts.

What to Know about this series

This series will work through the key themes of the Gospel of Matthew, and as our life groups go through this series together we will read the entirety of the Gospel of Matthew together.

The vision and aim of this series

For us, we aim to address this critical book in Scripture and study it carefully. We seek to stay faithful to the message of the Gospel Matthew writes and look at the life of Jesus through this biographical lens.

The vision of this series is as follows:

“To dive deep into the Gospel of Matthew and allow this Gospel to help change us to become deeper disciples of Jesus as we explore this biography of Jesus.”

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

1. What is your favourite book in the Bible?
2. Do you think is important to be working through books in the Bible at youth? If so, why?
3. What do you think you could do to get the most out of the series you are doing at youth on Matthew?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

Ideally, all of Matthew ☺!

Areas where you can dive deeper

In this series, the best way to dive deeper is to methodically work through the verses chapter by chapter and allow this study to bring these areas to life.

However, Jesus's sermon on the mount (His most famous teaching) is found in Matthew 5-7 and gives a vision of human flourishing in life¹⁰ with God. So, if you do not plan to work through this Gospel fully alongside us, we recommend working through Matthew 5-7 in more depth.

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family, as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice:

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting?
3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about Matthew?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted of you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited about this series and ready to dive deep into the Gospel of Matthew and work through this book in Scripture faithfully.

¹⁰D. A. Carson *The Sermon on the Mount: A Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount, including the Sermon on the Plain (Matthew 5-7 and Luke 6:20-49)*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1978.

Series Five – Sr only

The Gospel in Revelation – February 5–March 12 2025

Introduction to this series

The book of Revelation is an apocalyptic book written by John, and we have much to learn from this book. At Sr youth only, we will be diving into this series in four parts.

What to Know about this series

This series will work through the key themes of Revelation; we understand this can be a difficult book to understand, so here is how we will unpack it in these four parts:

Revelation 1: part 1 – Introduction to Revelation

Revelation 2–3: part 2 – Letters to the Church

Revelation 4–20: part 3 – The Judgement of God

Revelation 21–22: part 4 – The New Jerusalem

The vision and aim of this series

For us, we aim to address this critical book in Scripture and study it responsibly in the context of how apocalyptic literature is meant to be read.¹¹ We seek to stay faithful to the message of the book of Revelation which is one of faithful discipleship to Jesus in his world.

The vision of this series is as follows:

“To dive into the confusing yet vital book of Revelation and learn how to read it responsibly and see our discipleship to Jesus in it.”

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

1. What is your favourite book in the Bible?

¹¹ Michael J. Gorman *Reading Revelation Responsibly: Uncivil Worship and Witness: Following the Lamb into the New Creation*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2011.

4. Do you think it is important to be working through books in the Bible in youth? If so, why?
5. What are the first few things that come to your mind when you think of the book of Revelation?
6. What could you do to get the most out of the series you are doing at Youth on Revelation?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

Ideally, all of Revelation 😊!

Areas where you can dive deeper

In this series, the best way to dive deeper in to look at Revelation from a big-picture view (like how we split the series up)

However, the pinnacle of Revelation is chapters 21-22, where God gives a vision of the New Humanity, vital to following Jesus. If there are two chapters to read, get into these two chapters!

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family, as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice:

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting?
3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about Revelation?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted of you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited about this series and ready to dive deep into the Gospel of Revelation and work through this book in Scripture faithfully.

Series Six – Sr only

Today Church – March 26–April 16 2025

Introduction to this series

Today Church is a three-part series introducing the importance of the church today.

What to Know about this series

66% of youth who grow up in the church walk away from the church once they leave high school.¹²

This makes us beg the question, is the church even relevant or important today?

We want to introduce a series talking about how crucial the church is that allows us to move towards discipleship in Jesus in the key things the church really stands for and by according to Scripture.

The vision and aim of this series

This series aims to function by giving a vision for the church where we would gain a high view of the church and catch a vision that, ultimately, the church is not a man-made plan but rather God's plan Himself to reach the world.

The vision of this series is:

"The church is necessary to us in our faith yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and in fact, we are the church itself.

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

¹² Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. *Renegotiating Faith: The Delay in Young Adult Identity Formation and What It Means for the Church in Canada*. Accessed July 22, 2024. <https://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/Resources/Research-Studies/Renegotiating-Faith>.

1. How do you honestly feel about the church? Is the church really necessary?
2. Do you know what God says about the church? What do you think He would say?
3. Jesus described the church as a hospital for broken people. What do you think that means? Have you seen this to be accurate or false?
4. What do you think you could do to make the church a better place?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

The church – Matthew 16v18; Acts 2v42–47; Colossians 1v18; Ephesians 1v22–23, Ephesians 4v11–13; 1 Corinthians 12–14; Hebrews 10v24–25

Areas where you can dive deeper

- **Hurt in the church:** Have you heard of people getting hurt in the church? Do you think this discredits the church?
- **Baptism:** Why do you see people get baptized in the church? What do you think baptism means? Have you ever considered getting baptized? Why or why not?
- **Communion:** What do you think is the meaning of communion? What does doing communion do?
- **Jesus:** How does Jesus functionally save us, and why should this change us today? (Theology of Christology)
- **Serving in the church:** Do you think it is a good idea to serve the church? What are some examples of people you have seen serve the church well? What would it look like for you to serve the church?
- **Giving to the church:** Have you ever considered giving to the church? Why would it be important to give to the church? What could it look like for you to give?
 - o ***In all these areas of where to dive deeper, make sure to integrate discipleship to Jesus and our need to follow His ways, character, and mission and contextualize this to the particular topic***

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice.

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting?

3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about the church?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted of you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited for this series and ready to dive deep into the church of today for our church leaders of tomorrow.

Series Seven – Jr only

The Songs of Jesus (Psalms) – April 29–June 10 2025

Introduction to this series

The Psalms are a collection of songs known as our prayer book to God¹³. We have much to learn from them. At Jr. Youth only, we will dive into this series in four parts.

What to Know about this series

This series will work through what the Psalms are, what kind of Psalms appear in the 150 in the book, and how the Psalms can transform our lives with God.

Scholar Hermann Gunkel proposes there are five main genres of Psalms¹⁴:

1. Royal Psalms
2. Lament Psalms
3. Thanksgiving Psalms
4. Wisdom Psalms
5. Mixed types of Psalms

The vision and aim of this series

We aim to address this critical book of Scripture and learn how to read Psalms together for life. We seek to stay faithful to the message of how we can utilize the Psalms in our walk with God.

The vision of this series is as follows:

“To dive deep into the Psalms, our prayer book to God and learn how to use the Psalms for life.”

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

1. What do you think of when you hear about the Psalms?

¹³ Eugene H Peterson. *Answering God: The Psalms as Tools for Prayer*. San Francisco: HarperOne, 1991.

¹⁴ Hermann Gunkel, *Die Psalmen: Übersetzt und erklärt*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1926.

2. Is there any Psalm you resonate with the most?
3. What do you think you could do to get the most out of the series you are doing at youth on the Psalms?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

Ideally, one genre of each Psalm!

Areas where you can dive deeper

In this series, the best way to dive deeper is to methodically work through various genres of Psalms and begin to shape questions based on what the Psalm you read presents itself as (ex. A Psalm of lament may present sadness)

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family, as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice:

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting?
3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about the Psalms?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted of you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited about this series and ready to dive deep into the Psalms and work through this book in Scripture faithfully.

Series Eight – Sr only

The Surprising Wisdom of Leviticus – April 30–June 11 2025

Introduction to this series

Leviticus is the law book of Israel within the Torah in the Old Testament, and we have much more to learn from it than we realize. At Sr youth only, we will be diving into this series in four parts.

What to Know about this series

This series will work through the key themes of the Leviticus and the surprising wisdom this book has and the life that it has when we seek to reveal what the word of God wants to reveal to us.

The vision and aim of this series

For us, we aim to address this critical book in Scripture and study it carefully. We seek to understand the New Covenant perspective Leviticus presents and how we find Jesus within this book.

The vision of this series is as follows:

“To make ‘the most boring book’ in the bible to come alive in the lives of our youth through faithfully exploring God’s word in Leviticus.”

Family Discussion Starters

Here is a list of open-ended questions to consider asking to start discussions while this series is happening:

7. What is the hardest book in the Bible to read?
8. Do you think it is important to understand books of the bible that are even in the Old Testament? Why or why not?
9. What do you think you could do to get the most out of the series you are doing at Youth on Leviticus?

Key Scripture passages to note and read together

Ideally, all of Leviticus paired with the letter to the Hebrews ☺!

Areas where you can dive deeper

In this series, the best way to dive deeper is to methodically work through this book comparing the old law to new law and amazingly, we see this come alive in the letter to the Hebrews when paired with Leviticus.¹⁵

Ultimately, we seek to uncover the New Covenant law and Jesus's saving grace within this book that so many write off due to thinking it is merely too boring.

How to do Family Discipleship in this series

Through these things, as a family, as you discuss, dive into Scripture, and go deeper, helping your youth have accountability and follow-up to thinking in these areas is necessary for growth and more profound faith engagement, which will then allow you to help our youth move to engage with God in more practical ways. As always applicable to any series topic, here are our six foundational questions to ask your youth to move us from the content discussed and learned to spiritual transformation and practice:

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting in you through this topic?
2. What is your plan to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting?
3. Describe how your connection with God has been recently and has it grown through learning about Leviticus?
4. What have you learned about God through this topic?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted of you of sin to confess & repent of?
6. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to be a 'fisher of men'?

Final words of this series

We are beyond excited about this series and ready to dive deep into the book of Leviticus and work through this book in Scripture faithfully.

¹⁵ Richard Bauckham. *The Epistle to the Hebrews and Christian Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009.

Concluding words

We pray that as you and your youth seek to grow in discipleship to Jesus through this family discipleship guide, you will be pointed towards Him and seek to follow Him for life.

“Jesus called out to them, come and follow me.” (Matthew 4v19a)

If you have any questions/ thoughts/ concerns to bring forward, you can contact William Dmytrow (Jr/Sr Youth Pastor) at will@ebenezerbaptist.ca

Grace and Peace,
Ebenezer Youth Team

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