

Six Week Adaptable Material

Introduction to the New Testament

How to Use

Below is six week's worth of material that can be easily slotted into an Introduction to the New Testament class.

1

PAUL/WHO WROTE THE NT?

Assignment: Romans 16:22 and Galatians

God's Ghostwriters, Chapter 2

Discussion Question: How did Paul write his letters?

2

LIFE OF JESUS/MARK

Assignment: Gospel of Mark

God's Ghostwriters, Chapter 3

Discussion Question: Who did readers of the Gospel of Mark think that Jesus was?

3

AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION/ MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

Assignment Acts and God's Ghostwriters, Chapter 4

Discussion Question: How did the good news spread?

4

MANUSCRIPTS & COPYISTS

Assignment: Read God's Ghostwriters Chapter 5-6

Discussion Question: What decisions made by copyists changed the interpretation of the NT?

5

FAITH/CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

Assignment: Read God's Ghostwriter's Chapter 7 and 1 Corinthians 12

Discussion Question: What does it mean to have faith in Jesus?

6

HELL & JUDGMENT

Assignment read Matthew 22 and God's Ghostwriters Chapter 8

Discussion Question: Where does the idea of hell come from?

Date	Topic	Reading	Questions
Week One	Paul OR Who Wrote the Bible	Rom 16:22; Galatians God's Ghostwriters, Chapter 2	Discussion Question: Who is Tertius? How responsible for Paul's message do you think he was?
			How did Paul write his letters? Write a list of everyone you can imagine who was involved?
Week Two	Life of Jesus OR Gospel of Mark	Gospel of Mark God's Ghostwriters, Chapter 3	Discussion Question: Imagine you were an ancient reader of the Gospel of Mark. Who do you think Jesus is?
			The Gospels were written in the aftermath of the first Jewish War, how did the Gospels speak to them?
Week Three	Acts of the Apostles OR the spread of the Jesus movement	Acts of the Apostles God's Ghostwriters, Chapter 4	Discussion Question: How and for what reasons did the good news about Jesus spread?
			Try to list as many people and groups of people who were involved in the spread of the Jesus movement as you can.
Week Four	Manuscripts OR Copying the New Testament	Read Mark 16 and God's Ghostwriters, Chapters 5-6	Discussion Question: How can we account for the different endings in the Gospel of Mark?
			What decisions made my copyists changed how Christians read the NT?
Week Five	Faith in Christ OR early Christian Identity	1 Cor 12 OR Letter of the Churches of Lyons and Vienne and God's Ghostwriter's Chapter 7	Discussion Question: What did "loyalty" mean to ancient readers? What does it mean to be a faithful Christian?
			What does it mean to be a member of the "body of Christ?"