

Listening Guide

This Listening Guide is designed to help you ask questions and take notes on what you're learning. The process will accomplish two things: first, it will help process the information in the lecture by keeping your mind engaged with the material. Second, it will allow you to collect your notes in one place for a summary of the lesson's content. If you choose to do additional study or want to teach the material to others, you will have a thorough set of notes to guide you.

You may print these Listening Guide pages separately and complete the information as you read, listen to, or watch the lessons. Or as an alternative, you can fill in the fields in this digital version and save to your computer once you are finished.

Introduction

[1] What do the two Bible passages listed in this paragraph claim about the Old Testament?

[2] How should that claim influence our reading of the Old Testament?

The Old Testament Is a Story About God

[3] What is the Old Testament story about?

[4] In what two ways do we use the word *book* in this course?

[5] What was the primary difference between Israel and her neighbors?

[6] What is significant about the fourth word in the Bible?

[7] What do Old Testament writers emphasize about God?

Most People Know *About* the Old Testament

[8] Do you have a favorite character or event in the Old Testament? If so, who or what? Why is it your favorite?

[9] What is your experience with the Old Testament? Never read it, casual reader, took courses? Other?

[10] How would you summarize the recurring theme in the Old Testament?

[11] Who is the ultimate character in the Old Testament?

[12] How is He characterized?

[13] Do you have a favorite image of Jesus? If so, what is it?

Why the Old Testament Is a Closed Book

[14] Why is the Old Testament closed for many people?

[15] What is your impression of the Old Testament?

[16] How open or closed is it to you?

Fewer People *Know* the Old Testament

[17] How many books are in the Old Testament?

[18] How many of them are narrative books?

[19] Where do the narrative books begin and end?

[20] How is the Old Testament *not* arranged?

[21] How *are* the Old Testament books arranged?

[22] How many books of wisdom and poetry are there?

[23] How many writing prophets did Israel have?

[24] What is the goal of the ten lessons in this course?

Why the Old Testament Is Important

[25] Who is the Bible's author?

[26] In what four ways is the Old Testament "profitable"?

[27] In addition to correcting negative behavior, what other important role does the Old Testament play in our life?

[28] What must a person do to benefit from the Old Testament's teaching?

[29] Name the three categories of books found in the Old Testament.

[30] How would you describe God's character from your understanding of the Old Testament?

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

As you progress through this course in the Old Testament, you will learn a lot of facts about it. But it would be a shame to miss the Old Testament's purpose. Review the last portion of the lesson, "Why the Old Testament Is Important," and think a bit about your own attitude toward it. Do you see it as an important book? Why or why not?