

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.

[1] Name two reasons this paragraph presents for trusting the New Testament.

[2] What New Testament theme does this paragraph focus on?

[3] Name two individuals or groups who were opposed to the New Testament. Describe their opposition.

[4] What great things has the New Testament done?

[5] How many books are in the New Testament?

[6] When were they written?

[7] What does the paragraph claim the New Testament can do?

I. The Background of the New Testament

[8] How much time elapsed between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament era?

[9] In what two ways did God reveal himself in New Testament times?

[10] What four forces must we acquaint ourselves with to understand the impact of Christ's coming?

[11] Was Roman rule over Palestine a totally negative thing?

[12] Briefly summarize how Rome influenced each of the following aspects of life in Palestine: Peace, government, travel, and communication.

[13] Describe how the Greek Empire still influenced language and culture.

[14] In what two ways was the Jewish background of the New Testament important?

[15] How did the Jews run their own internal affairs?

[16] What two institutions were the center of Jewish religious life?

[17] What role did each play?

[18] Review the lesson and write down at least two reasons why someone might love and why someone might hate the New Testament.

[19] Summarize in a paragraph how the Roman and Greek cultures influenced life in Jesus' time.

Reflection

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

Application

Many Christians go to church regularly and may even attend Bible studies but feel neither hate nor love toward the New Testament. How do you relate to this literature? Do you ever consider what it actually is? Do you ever thank God for so clearly and carefully outlining His moral will to us? If you were talking with a non-Christian friend who asked for your opinion of the New Testament, what would you say?