

Sophomore Summer Article and Reflection Questions:

Salvation History Summary

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Reflection Questions:

1. **Primeval History:**
How does the story of Adam and Eve help us understand the nature and consequences of human sin today?
2. **Patriarchs and Matriarchs:**
What can the repeated pattern of crisis and God's faithfulness in the lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob teach us about trusting in God's promises?
3. **Egypt and the Exodus:**
Why is the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai considered a key moment in salvation history, and how do these commandments still influence moral choices today?
4. **Settling the Promised Land:**
The Israelites often forgot God and fell into cycles of sin and redemption. In what ways do we see similar patterns in our lives or in the world today?
5. **Kingdoms of Judah and Israel:**
Why do you think God allowed the Israelites to have kings, even though He warned them of the risks? What does this teach us about human desire for control and power?
6. **Exile and Return:**
During the Exile, the Israelites redefined their identity around faith rather than nationhood. How can challenges or suffering strengthen someone's faith and reshape their identity?
7. **Life of Jesus Christ:**
Jesus offered salvation through love and forgiveness instead of political power. How does this message challenge our modern views of strength and success?
8. **Role of Women in Salvation History:**
What role did women like Sarah, Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, and Priscilla play in God's plan, and how does their inclusion shape your understanding of leadership in faith?
9. **Early Christian Church:**
How did the work of early Christian missionaries like Paul help spread the message of salvation, and what lessons can we learn about sharing faith in a diverse world?
10. **Personal Reflection:**
Which period of salvation history resonates most with you personally, and why? How does it influence your understanding of God's relationship with humanity?