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Lesson Reviews for Facilitators

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Matthew through Acts



Session Forty: The Gospel of Matthew Jesus is King

Homework for the book of Malachi: Because this is the beginning of a new set, homework review may not be appropriate if time has passed since completion of the last set and students do not have their workbooks with them.

Pages 154-155: What was the sin of the people?
Pages 156-157 What was the attitude of the people?

Oral Review:

The Story So Far:

The Pentateuch:

- God created all things and blessed Adam and Eve with the whole world except the fruit from one tree.
- They disobeyed and from that sin entered the world.
- As evil became rampant, God raised up Abraham and gave him three promises: many descendants, land, and that one of his descendants would be a blessing to the whole world.
- Abraham's grandson had twelve sons that would become the twelve tribes of Israel.
- As the family increased greatly they became slaves in Egypt.
- God raised up Moses to lead the people from Egypt to Mt Sinai where God gave civil laws, moral laws, and laws for worship.

The Kingdom Books:

- Joshua led them to conquer the land and divided it into twelve areas, one for each of the sons of Jacob.
- For 350 years Israel was a theocracy in which God would raise up judges to lead the people.
- Then the people demanded a king.
- The first king was Saul, then David, followed by Solomon.
- Solomon's son saw the division of the nation due to his unwise decisions.
- The Northern Kingdom, Israel, was at first ruled by Jeroboam and consisted of ten tribes. Israel had 19 kings but none were considered good. Two religious areas were established and golden calves were worshiped.
- The Southern Kingdom, Judah, was ruled at first by Rehoboam. They had 20 kings and only about 8 were considered good kings. The period of the divided kingdom was about 350 years.
- In the end, Israel was conquered by Assyria in 722 BC and Judah was conquered by Babylon in 586 BC.

Post Exilic Books:

- God had promised the prophet Jeremiah that the people would be in exile for 70 years.
- At the end of that time, they were allowed to return.
- They built the temple and then years later built the wall around the city.
- It was also during this time that God sent priests to build up the people spiritually.
- The history of Israel ends with the book of Nehemiah.

Poetical Books:

- The Poetical Books do not add to the history of Israel but fit into the historical books.
- Job deals with the sovereignty of God and the suffering of man.
- Psalms is a Jewish hymnbook, beautiful poetry written to be accompanied by music.
- Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are books of wisdom.
- Song of Solomon exalts romantic and sensual marriage.

The Prophetical Books:

- All were written to warn the people that their sin was leading to God's wrath.
- God loved them and wanted them to turn from their evil ways.
- Prophets also told the future in clear language.
- Many of the prophecies have some true, just as God said.
- There are still many prophecies that will be fulfilled when Christ returns.

The Major Prophets:

- Are major because they are longer.
- Isaiah spoke to both Israel and Judah, while Jeremiah wrote during the last days before Jerusalem was destroyed.
- Daniel and Ezekiel both lived in Babylon and prophesied to the exiles living there.

Early Minor Prophets:

- Are shorter books but still have a great impact.
- They were all probably written before the fall of Israel in 722 BC.
- Hosea and Amos were written to Israel.
- Micah and Joel were written to Judah.
- Obadiah was written to Edom and Jonah to Nineveh.

The Later Minor Prophets:

- The six Later Minor Prophets were all written after the fall of Israel.

Nahum:

- Was written about 120 years after Jonah had delivered his message to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.
- At that time Nineveh experienced a mighty revival and the nation was spared the wrath of God.
- They would conquer Israel during this less cruel period.
- They returned to their very evil ways.
- Nahum does not offer consolation but simply says “God will destroy you” for their arrogance, wickedness and idolatry.
- This message, however, would bring comfort to Judah (Nahum means comfort) who lived under the shadow of fear from the Assyrians.

Habakkuk:

- Was written to Judah just a few years before the Babylonians conquered Jerusalem and Judah.
- He had seen the evil in Judah and it grieved him so he asked God to do something about it.
- God’s answer was not what he was expecting.
- God was going to bring a nation that was worse than Judah to conquer them.
- Habakkuk questioned God with honesty, but concluded that God is good and He can be trusted even when we do not understand His ways.

Zephaniah:

- Was written to Judah during King Josiah’s reign to warn the people that the day of the Lord was coming and God would judge Judah and other nations for their sins.
- But the Day of the Lord would also include blessings and peace.

Haggai:

- Preached to the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem to encourage them to consider their ways and get back to work rebuilding the temple.
- His message was given during the time of Zerubbabel in the book of Ezra.

Zechariah:

- Was a contemporary of Haggai.
- Through a series of eight visions, four messages and two burdens, he described a future that includes God’s victory for Judah and Christ’s second coming.

Malachi:

- Was a contemporary of Nehemiah and prophesied to the people in Jerusalem about 100 years after the exile.
- He was the last writing prophet to the Jews.

Written Review: Because the oral review is extensive, there will be no written review. If there are new participants make sure they become familiar with the workbook and the class schedule.

Watch the DVD for the Gospel of Matthew:

Teacher:	Pat Harley
Testimony:	Kicked out by Jewish parents after conversion/ Husband's affair Elaine Haber
Music:	Kingdom Come
Vocalist:	Jennifer Carozza

Learning for Life: Take time to discuss the Learning for Life Questions at the end of the DVD workbook outline.

What to remember from Matthew: Jesus is King	
Who:	Author: Matthew Main character: Jesus
What:	Biographical book of Jesus Christ's life on earth, focusing on His kingship
When:	Written around AD 60-70
Where:	Galilee, Judah
Why:	Jesus Christ is the long-awaited Messiah, the King of the Jews.

Wrap Up: Pray that the participants will grow to love Jesus as their King who has been prophesied, the long-awaited King of the Jews and King of their hearts.

Session Forty-One: The Gospel of Mark Jesus is Servant

Mark is a fast-paced book that shows Jesus as the Suffering Servant and is written to the Roman audience. It is the gospel of the “strenuous life.” It does not have a birth or genealogy and very few parables or sermons. The key word is “immediately” as he was showing the work and servanthood of the Lord.

Homework for the book of Matthew:

Pages 36-37:	Review the Beatitudes
Pages 156-157	What does this tell you about Jesus? About God?

Oral Review:

The Story So Far:

Matthew:

- Was written to the Jews to show them that Jesus really is their long-awaited King.
- There are many references to the Old Testament and the fulfillment of prophecy.
- From Jesus’ unusual birth to his untimely death and miraculous resurrection, Matthew shows that Jesus is KING!

Written Review: The written review is on the next page.

Watch the DVD for the Gospel of Mark:

Teacher:	Linda Sweeney
Testimony:	Caregiver for sister after severe accident Suzanne Kelly
Music:	Gift of Life
Vocalist:	Trace Balin, Cheryl Rogers, Bonnie Keen, Kathy Smith

Learning for Life: Take time to discuss the Learning for Life Questions at the end of the DVD workbook outline.

What to remember from Mark:

Jesus is Servant

Who:	Author: John Mark (son of Mary, cousin of Barnabas, convert of Peter); many believe John Mark was Peter's scribe and this book is an eyewitness account. Main character: Jesus
What:	The gospel (good news) of Jesus who is presented as the servant-savior
When:	Written around AD 67 (shortly before or after Peter's death)
Where:	Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem (written from Rome)
Why:	To bring the gospel to a Roman audience who would be interested in and relate to the activities of a servant.

Wrap Up: Jesus was a servant to all. Pray that the participants would gain a true sense of Jesus' servanthood and the call on our lives to follow Him in service to others.

Written Review for Session Forty-One: Mark

1. Who wrote the book of Matthew?
2. Who was his audience?
3. How many books are there in the New Testament?
4. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
5. How many books are there in the Bible?
6. How many prophetic books are there in the Old Testament?
7. How many Poetical books are there in the Old Testament?
8. How many books are in the Pentateuch?
9. Name one way Matthew showed Jesus to be King of the Jews.
10. Who was the last writing prophet?
11. Who were three prophets who wrote after the exile?
12. Who were two prophets who wrote while they were in Babylon in the exile?
13. What nation conquered and scattered Israel?
14. What nation conquered and exiled Judah?
15. What are two things that a prophet does?
16. What is a parable?
17. What was Matthew's profession before he became a follower of Christ?
18. What are two of Jesus' miracles?
19. Who was the audience when Jesus gave the Beatitudes?
20. What did Jesus teach the disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray?

Written Review for Session Forty-One: Mark

Facilitator's Answers

1. Who wrote the book of Matthew?
 - a. **Matthew**
2. Who was his audience?
 - a. **The Jews**
3. How many books are there in the New Testament?
 - a. **27**
4. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
 - a. **39**
5. How many books are there in the Bible?
 - a. **66**
6. How many prophetic books are there in the Old Testament?
 - a. **17**
7. How many Poetical books are there in the Old Testament?
 - a. **5**
8. How many books are in the Pentateuch?
 - a. **5**
9. Name one way Matthew showed Jesus to be King of the Jews.
 - a. **Use of prophecy**
 - b. **There might be other answers**
10. Who was the last writing prophet?
 - a. **Malachi**
11. Who were three prophets who wrote after the exile?
 - a. **Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**
12. Who were two prophets who wrote while they were in Babylon in the exile?
 - a. **Ezekiel, Daniel**
13. What nation conquered and scattered Israel?
 - a. **Assyria**
14. What nation conquered and exiled Judah?
 - a. **Babylon**

Written Review for Session Forty-One: Mark

Facilitator's Answers

15. What are two things that a prophet does?
 - a. **Foretell the future and tell forth God's message**

16. What is a parable?
 - a. **A story with a spiritual or moral message**

17. What was Matthew's profession before he became a follower of Christ?
 - a. **A tax collector**

18. What are two of Jesus' miracles?
 - a. **Various answers**

19. Who was the audience when Jesus gave the Beatitudes?
 - a. **The multitudes (or believers or disciples)**

20. What did Jesus teach the disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray?
 - a. **The Lord's prayer**

Session Forty-Two: The Gospel of Luke Jesus is Man

The book of Luke was written to the Greeks and shows Jesus as the Perfect Man. Luke focuses on the humanity of Christ yet without sin and perfect in His relationship to God and mankind. It is Jesus that not only models but empowers our humanity.

Homework for the book of Mark:

Pages 54-55:	Who is Mark?
Pages 57-58	All questions
Pages 60-61	What does it teach about Jesus and his ministry?

Oral Review:

The Story So Far:

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Mark:

- Was written to the Romans and shows Jesus as a Suffering Servant.
- The book is fast-paced, with the word "immediately" being used often to describe the life of Christ "on the run" as the Perfect Servant.

Written Review: The written review is on the next page.

Watch the DVD for the Gospel of Luke:

Teacher:	Margie Ruether
Testimony:	Injured son becomes extremely violent and hospitalized Jane Bateman
Music:	Alabaster Box
Vocalist:	Wendy Young

Learning for Life: Take time to discuss the Learning for Life Questions at the end of the DVD workbook outline.

What to remember from Luke:

Jesus is Man

Who:	Author: Luke, the physician, the only Gentile author in the New Testament. Main character: Jesus
What:	A selective biography of Jesus of Nazareth, focusing on His humanity
When:	Probably written AD 58-60
Where:	Judea (Jerusalem) and Galilee, probably written in Rome, Greece
Why:	To reach the world with the truth of Jesus, the Perfect Man

Wrap Up: Pray that the participants would become more and more like Jesus as they seek to obey Him in all areas of life.

Written Review for Session Forty-Two: Luke

Are the following statements True or False?

1. All the prophets in the Old Testament wrote books?
2. God gave Abraham three promises.
3. God gave the Israelites manna all the days they wandered in the wilderness.
4. God parted the Nile River.
5. God wrote the Ten Commandments on parchment.
6. God created animals before He created man.
7. Elijah went to heaven in a whirlwind.
8. Samson killed Goliath.
9. Matthew was written to those living in Spain.
10. The Beatitudes were given to those living in Babylon during the exile.
11. The Lord's Prayer was given to us by Jesus.
12. The book of Mark emphasizes Jesus' infancy.
13. Matthew was a tax collector.
14. Mark's key word is immediately.
15. Matthew contains five discourses.
16. Malachi was the first writing prophet.
17. The flood took place after the Exodus.
18. Joseph rescued his family from famine.
19. Passover celebrates the Israelites passing over the Jordan River.
20. The gospels were all written to different audiences.

Written Review for Session Forty-Two: Luke

Facilitator's Answers

Are the following statements True or False?

1. All the prophets in the Old Testament wrote books?
a. False
2. God gave Abraham three promises.
a. True
3. God gave the Israelites manna all the days they wandered in the wilderness.
a. True
4. God parted the Nile River.
a. False
5. God wrote the Ten Commandments on parchment.
a. False
6. God created animals before He created man.
a. True
7. Elijah went to heaven in a whirlwind.
a. True
8. Samson killed Goliath.
a. False
9. Matthew was written to those living in Spain.
a. False
10. The Beatitudes were given to those living in Babylon during the exile.
a. False
11. The Lord's Prayer was given to us by Jesus.
a. True
12. The book of Mark emphasizes Jesus' infancy.
a. False
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a. True
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Written Review for Session Forty-Two: Luke

Facilitator's Answers

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a. True
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a. False
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a. False
18. Joseph rescued his family from famine.
a. True
19. Passover celebrates the Israelites passing over the Jordan River.
a. False
20. The gospels were all written to different audiences.
a. True

Session Forty-Three: The Gospel of John Jesus is God

The Book of John was written by John to the world showing Jesus is the Son of God. He is the Word who “was from the beginning”. He was with God and He is God, the Way the Truth, and the Life.

Homework for the book of Luke:

Pages 80-81:	Review Luke’s information about prayer
Pages 82-84:	All questions

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- The book is fast-paced, with the word “immediately” being used often to describe the life of Christ “on the run” as the perfect servant.

Luke:

- Was written to the Greeks and shows Jesus as the Perfect Man.
- Luke, the physician, gives a sequential historical account of Jesus’ life as he came to show us how to live and then died so we might live with Him forever.

Written Review: The written review is on the next page.

Watch the DVD for the Gospel of John:

Teacher:	Eleanor Lewis
Testimony:	Married four times/Looking for love Barbara Oliver
Music:	Wonderful Cross
Vocalist:	Salina Esposito

Learning for Life Questions: Take time to discuss the Learning for Life Questions at the end of the DVD workbook outline.

**What to remember from John:
Jesus is God**

Who:	Author: John Main character: Jesus
What:	Account of Jesus' life written to show that Jesus is God
When:	Written between AD 80 and 90 (after the synoptic gospels were written)
Where:	Judea, Samaria, and Galilee
Why:	These have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Wrap Up: Pray that God would give the participants the courage to speak boldly but with kind sensitivity to those who do not know Christ as Savior.

Written Review for Session Forty-Three: John

What book is it in?

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
2. God parted the Red Sea.
3. Jesus gave five discourses.
4. Creation
5. Jerusalem destroyed
6. Jesus the suffering servant
7. Judges ruled.
8. The wall in Jerusalem was rebuilt.
9. The Jewish Hymnbook
10. He saw the Lord high and lifted up.
11. The last writing prophet
12. He had an adulterous wife.
13. Locust
14. Instructions on sacrifice and worship
15. He lost it all and found God.
16. A big fish
17. Wandering in the wilderness
18. Moses gave three sermons.
19. The Promised Land was conquered and settled.
20. Kinsman redeemer

Written Review for Session Forty-Three: John

What book is it in?

21. Review of 2 Samuel
22. David as King
23. Rebuilt the temple
24. Solomon as King
25. He was a priest and last judge.
26. Book of pithy wise statements
27. Vanity, vanity, all is vanity
28. She saved the exiled Jews.
29. Prophet as Jerusalem destroyed
30. Jerusalem's destruction lamented
31. Intimacy in marriage
32. Edom will be destroyed.
33. Consider your ways.
34. Jesus as the Perfect Man
35. Handwriting on the wall
36. Dry bones

Written Review for Session Forty-Three: John Facilitator's Answers

What book is it in?

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
a. John
2. God parted the Red Sea.
a. Exodus
3. Jesus gave five discourses.
a. Matthew
4. Creation
a. Genesis
5. Jerusalem destroyed
a. 2 Kings
6. Jesus the suffering servant
a. Mark
7. Judges ruled
a. Judges
8. The wall in Jerusalem was rebuilt.
a. Nehemiah
9. The Jewish Hymnbook
a. Psalms
10. He saw the Lord high and lifted up.
a. Isaiah
11. The last writing prophet
a. Malachi
12. He had an adulterous wife.
a. Hosea
13. Locust
a. Joel
14. Instructions on sacrifice and worship
a. Leviticus

Written Review for Session Forty-Three: John Facilitator's Answers

What book is it in?

15. He lost it all and found God.
a. Job
16. A big fish
a. Jonah
17. Wandering in the wilderness
a. Numbers
18. Moses gave three sermons.
a. Deuteronomy
19. The Promised Land was conquered and settled.
a. Joshua
20. Kinsman redeemer
a. Ruth
21. Review of 2 Samuel
a. 1 Chronicles
22. David as King
a. 2 Samuel
23. Rebuilt the temple
a. Ezra
24. Solomon as King
a. 1 Kings
25. He was a priest and last judge.
a. 1 Samuel
26. Book of pithy wise statements
a. Proverbs
27. Vanity, vanity, all is vanity
a. Ecclesiastes
28. She saved the exiled Jews.
a. Esther

Written Review for Session Forty-Three: John Facilitator's Answers

What book is it in?

29. Prophet as Jerusalem destroyed

a. Jeremiah

30. Jerusalem's destruction lamented

a. Lamentations

31. Intimacy in marriage

a. Song of Solomon

32. Edom will be destroyed.

a. Obadiah

33. Consider your ways.

a. Haggai

34. Jesus as the Perfect Man

a. Luke

35. Handwriting on the wall

a. Daniel

36. Dry bones

a. Ezekiel

Session Forty-Four: Acts The Church is Born

The book of Acts tells the history of the ascension of Christ, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the birth and growth of the church. It is written by Luke and serves as a historical background to much of the letters that follow in the New Testament.

Homework for the book of John:

Pages 104-106:	Question on belief
Pages 108-109:	All questions
Page 111:	First 2 questions

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Luke:

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- Luke, the physician, gives a sequential historical account of Jesus' life as He came to show us how to live and then died so we might live with Him forever.

John:

- Gives a heavenly account of Jesus as the Son of God.
- Written to all mankind everywhere, John portrays Jesus as being the Way the Truth and the Life.
- He shows clearly that God "so loved the world that He gave His only son."

Review Activity: The review activity is on the next page.

Watch the DVD for Acts:

Teacher:	Pat Harley
Testimony:	Missionary questions/Turning from faith Shari Thomas
Music:	Send It On Down
Vocalist:	Johnson Ferry Baptist Church

Learning for Life Questions: Take time to discuss the Learning for Life Questions at the end of the DVD workbook outline.

What to remember from Acts: The Church is Born	
Who:	Author: Luke Main characters: Peter, Philip, Paul
What:	Covers the history of the birth of the church and the spread of Christianity
When:	Written about AD 62
Where:	Jerusalem, Samaria, parts of the Roman Empire
Why:	Explains Christ's continued work on the earth through the Holy Spirit.

Wrap Up: Pray that the participants would heed the call to go and make disciples of all men, that they would devote their lives to Jesus and the work that He wants them to do.

Review Activity for Session Forty-Four: Acts

The facilitator will provide cards (or 8 ½x11 paper) with the events and people given below written on them (one per card). Hand the cards out until all are given to the participants. Then working as a class, have them put the following in chronological order. They are in order as they are here, across each column.

Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations
Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	12 sons
Joseph	Egypt	Slavery	Moses
Burning Bush	Pharaoh	10 plagues	Passover
Exodus	Red Sea	Mt Sinai	10 Commandments
Tabernacle	12 Spies	Wandering	3 sermons
Joshua leads	Jordon parted	Jericho	land conquered
Land settled	Judges	Deborah	Gideon
Samson	Samuel	Saul	David
Solomon	Rehoboam	Divided Kingdom	Elijah
Elisha	Hosea	Amos	Assyria conquers
Jeremiah	Temple destroyed	Babylon exiles	Ezekiel
Daniel	Malachi	Manger	Magi
Parables	Pontius Pilot	Crucifixion	Empty grave
Ascension	Holy Spirit	Paul's conversion	Gentiles converted
Paul imprisoned			