



Bible Study Questions for Old Testament Narrative Books

Something to Start Us Off

- What, if anything, can you remember from the book of _____.

Something to Notice in the Text Itself: Who, What, Where, Why, When, How?

- Who are the main characters?
- What do they do?
- Where do the events recorded here take place?
- Does the Bible text itself say why this, that or the other happens? If so, what does it say?
- Is there anything about the order of events that stands out to you (i.e., When)?
- Is there any indication that the *way* something happens is important (i.e., How)?

Something to Understand

- After looking closely at this passage, do you have any questions? (Ground rule: Each person is allowed to ask one question before the same person is allowed to ask a second question. No one has to ask a question, in other words, you may *pass*.)
- Do you see a word, verse or short passage that especially stands out? If so, tell us what that is and try to explain why in as few sentences as possible. (Again, let's take turns.)
- If you were to give this passage a title, what would it be?

Something to Take Home

- What can we learn from this passage about God or about people?
- What can we learn about how we should relate to God or to others?
- Is there something in the passage we just read that you believe God wants us to *know*?
- Is there anything based on this passage that you would say God wants us to *believe*?
- Can this passage teach us anything about desiring the right things?
- Does this passage point us to anything that perhaps we should *do*? Any *action steps*?
- Is there anything that we can learn from the passage that we may not have covered in any of the previous questions?