

MCC UCC Youth Confirmation

Session Four Home Study – What is the Bible?

Independent Journal Writing

For the next few weeks our sessions will be focused on the Bible. As a way of getting started, we want to understand what you already think (or think you know) about the Bible. Turn to the next blank page in your journal; write down these questions on a new page. Spend 5 minutes and write an answer for each question

- What is the Bible?
- What do you think people mean when they say it is God's word?
- What are some of your feelings, opinions, etc. about the Bible?

Big takeaway: It's OK to question, study, and interpret the Bible. At MCC, we believe that the Bible should be read critically (but not literally). Interpreting what it means for us today is important. Talking about and critiquing the difficult parts, especially when they describe violence, racism, patriarchy and genocide is crucial rather than accepting everything at face value.

Review these **Major Bible Events**, in Timeline form

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/important-biblical-events-timeline.html>

Activity: Come up with a tweet of what you think about the Bible and write it in your journal (remember, only 140 characters). The most creatively thoughtful answer wins a prize!

Closing Prayer: *Please close your home study session with a prayer reflecting on what you learned and how you are feeling.*