

Youth Confirmation
Makeup Lesson Session Five
Interpreting the Bible (Perspective & Metaphor)
The Monroe Congregational Church, UCC

Homework Review

After session 4, you were invited to create a tweet.

Come up with a tweet of what you think about the Bible and write it in your journal (remember, only 140 characters). **What was your tweet?**

Perspective Exercise

Choose an interesting object and place it on your table. From one angle only, draw and describe the object – only from what you actually see in your journal. .

- Imagine that there were two other persons, sitting at the table with you, but seeing the object from a different angle.
- In your journal, respond to these questions: What is perspective? How was your perspective different from the invisible friends at the table? What is the impact and result of interpretation as a community task?

Reading the Bible as a Metaphor

You have probably played the Telephone Game with a large group in another setting. We prefaced these questions with the game. Respond to these questions in your journal.

- Questions for group:
 - a. How many people do you talk to in a day? How many conversations do you have?
 - b. Scholars believe that Jesus' ministry spanned (at the most) 3 years
 - c. Why were the conversations we have in the gospels written down? Why were they remembered?
 - d. We read the Bible metaphorically, we believe that it has symbolic meaning. The question "What can we learn from it today?" is very important in our church

Practicing Interpretation – Your Homework

- **Luke 18: 2-8, The Parable of the Unjust Judge**
Read it, write a page in your journal telling us what the parable is about

Don't forget you have two weeks to do this – NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 28!!!!

Close with a prayer.