

St. Jerome's Adult Bible Study

Handout and Outline

Week 1

- Opening prayer
- Discuss sharing guidelines
 - No question or comment is “stupid” or disallowed
 - Anything of a personal nature that is shared here is NOT to be repeated outside this room
 - All persons and their thoughts and feelings are to be respected
 - Remember that Christ is in us and with us at all times
- Parts of the Bible
 - “Catholic” vs Protestant or Jewish Old Testament
 - Original Hebrew text of the Old Testament
 - Only text written in Hebrew originally
 - Translation to Greek
 - The “Septuagint” or LXX (70)
 - Inclusion of text originally written in Greek
 - Apocryphal or deuterocanonical text
 - Tobit
 - Judith
 - Wisdom of Solomon
 - Sirach/Ecclesiasticus
 - Baruch
 - 1 and 2 Maccabees
 - additions to Daniel and Esther
 - Roman Catholic OT has 46 books; Jewish and Protestant has 39
 - New Testament
 - Jews do not recognize the New Testament
 - Protestant and Catholic NT is exactly the same 27 books
 - 3 “synoptic” (parallel) Gospels
 - Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - The Gospel of John
 - Acts of the Apostles
 - 21 Letters
 - Revelation to John
- Various Translations
 - Revised Standard Version and New Revised Standard Version
 - New International Version
 - **The New American Bible**
 - The New Jerusalem Bible
 - The Revised English Bible
 - Contemporary English Version
 - King James, Douay-Rheims, Living Bible, Reader’s Digest Bible, Children’s Bible
- Encourage questions people might have
- Discussion questions with commentary as necessary from Fr. Carl.
- Hand out assignment for next meeting