

Summer Bible Reading

Bible 9-12

Dear High School Families,

As we look forward to the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, I want to have the students get started on the right foot. For summer reading in Bible, the students can choose from four books: *Mere Christianity*, *The Problem of Pain*, *The Great Divorce*, or *Truth Decay: Defending Christianity Against The Challenges of Postmodernism* and complete the questions or synopsis for that book. The instructions for each book are included in this document. This Bible reading is extra credit and the completion of this reading assignment will be worth 3% on the first quarter in Bible.

If you choose to read *Mere Christianity* or *The Problem of Pain*, you can find these books in *pdf* form on the school website. The other two books were not available in this free format and will have to be purchased.

Thank you for making our school great,

The Bible Department

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Study Questions for *Mere Christianity*

By C. S. Lewis

Instructions

Read *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis

Be sure to give each chapter with your undivided attention as you read. It will be best if you familiarize yourself with the questions before you read the book.

Answer the questions in complete sentences where applicable. Content is more important than length, so be thorough and concise,

If you choose to type your answers, please include the question with your response.

Please be sure to complete the form on the final page signifying that you read the book in its entirety, having your parents sign as well.

Up to three (3) percentage points can be earned on the 1st quarter grade in Bible class for the completion of this assignment.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

We pray that this book will challenge and inform your faith.

1. What does Lewis mean by “The Law of Human Nature?” Explain what it is and what it is not.
2. What was Lewis’ best argument for being an atheist before he was saved?
3. How did Lewis overcome his own argument?
4. What does Lewis identify as the “three parts of morality?”
5. List and describe the “Cardinal Virtues.”
6. What does Lewis mean by “The Great Sin?”
7. List and describe the “Theological Virtues.”
8. According to Lewis, what is the difference between “begetting” and “making?”
9. What does Lewis mean by “Good Infection?”
10. Using Lewis’ argument as a guideline, what is your best argument for the existence of God as we know Him?

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Study Questions for *The Problem of Pain*

By C. S. Lewis

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1. What was Lewis' best argument for being an atheist before he was saved?
2. What was Lewis' main problem with his "best argument?"
3. According to Lewis, what is the one common concept all moralities among men accept even though they may be different?
4. Why is it important to have a clear understanding of the word "impossible" as it applies to God's omnipotence?
5. Describe what Lewis means by the four conceptions of God's love: (1) artist and artifact (2) man and beast (3) father and son (4) man and woman
6. If there was no Law (Moses Law) before the Fall of man, how did Lewis explain man's sin.
7. What are the two senses of the word "pain" that Lewis says need to be distinguished.
8. According to Lewis, what is the paradox in Christianity about tribulation?
9. What does Lewis say is the difference between forgiving and condoning?
10. What does Lewis mean by "...it is not humanity in the abstract that is to be saved, but you, you the reader"?

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Study Questions for *The Great Divorce*

By C. S. Lewis

Instructions

Read *The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis

Write a brief (2-3 pages) but thorough synopsis of the book. Please include your interpretation of the story.

Please be sure to complete the form on the final page signifying that you read the book in its entirety, having your parents sign as well.

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Study Questions for *Truth Decay: Defending Christianity Against the Challenges of Postmodernism*

By Douglas Groothuis

Instructions

Read *Truth Decay: Defending Christianity Against the Challenges of Postmodernism* by Douglas Groothuis

Write a brief (2-3 pages) but thorough synopsis of the book. Please include your thoughts on the author's treatment of truth and its decay.

Please be sure to complete the form on the final page signifying that you read the book in its entirety, having your parents sign as well.

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Completion Form

Please check one of the following:

_____ I have read in its entirety *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

_____ I have not read all of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. Please indicate the number of pages completed.

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_____ I have read in its entirety *The Problem of Pain* by C.S. Lewis.

_____ I have not read all of *The Problem of Pain* by C.S. Lewis. Please indicate the number of pages completed.

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_____ I have read in its entirety *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis.

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