

Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

Introduction to Scripture

Session 4– Make Up

Name: _____

Location Registered: _____

Date of Original Class: _____

I have personally read all of the required reading, viewed the make-up video, and completed the following worksheets.

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Date _____

Introduction to Scripture - Lesson 4 – Worksheet 1

What comes to mind when you think of the phrase “theological reflection”?

Write about a paragraph.

Look again at “Paul’s Call and Mission” from the Catholic Update “Introducing St. Paul the Apostle,” which you already read as a part of the required reading.

Using this information, answer the following question:

- (a) Why is it more appropriate to speak of Paul’s experience on the road to Damascus as a call rather than a conversion? What difference does that make?

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Referring to “Gnosticism and the Creation of the Canon” from Scripture from Scratch, please complete the following questions:

- (a) What are the basic beliefs and ideas of any gnostic religious movement?
- (b) What are the particular implications of Gnosticism as it relates specifically to Christianity?
- (c) How was the creation of the canon a response to Gnosticism and how effective was it?

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Referring to “Foundational Beliefs of Christianity” from Scripture from Scratch:

- (a) What is the kerygma and what is its content?
- (b) Describe the early spread of Christianity and the religious milieu into which it spread.
- (c) What leadership structures emerged in the early Church?
- (d) Who were some prominent figures in the early Church and what issues did they face?

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Referring to “The Biblical Journey from Darkness to Light” from Scripture from Scratch:

- (a) What are some of the metaphorical, allegorical, and symbolic meanings of light and darkness we find in the scriptures?
- (b) What are some major examples of light and darkness imagery in the Old Testament?
- (c) Which gospel makes the most extensive use of the categories of light and darkness? What role do these images play in that gospel?

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Referring to “Jesus Christ: Why the Word Became Flesh” from the Reading Packet

- (a) What is meant by the phrase “universal primacy of Christ”?
- (b) What books of the Bible are the most significant in the development of the theological idea of the universal primacy of Christ?
- (c) What figures and theological schools of thought have been the most important and influential in developing this theological idea?

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What role did Scripture play in the early Church's ongoing theological reflection?

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Write a couple of paragraphs on ONE of the following questions:

1. Describe both the kerygma and the way in which the early Church developed theologically from that point.
2. Do you notice any Gnostic tendencies in contemporary religious movements? How can the Bible be used to counter such religious currents?