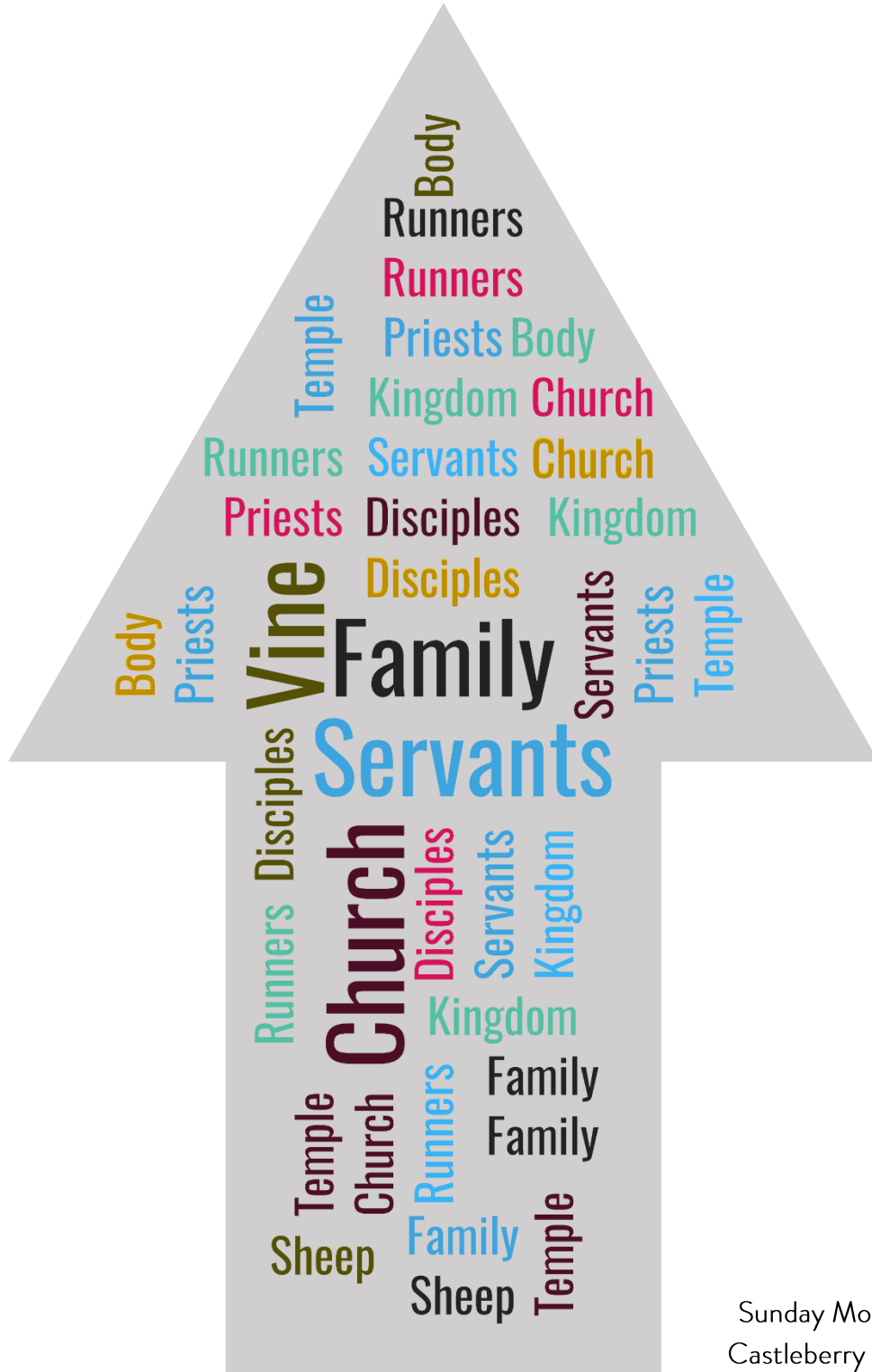


Live UP to Your Name



Who Are We?

Psalm 8

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | How do people often define themselves? |
| Jeremiah 9:23-24 | How should we define ourselves? |
| Psalm 8:1-2, 9 | Who is the Lord? What is my relationship to Him? |
| Psalm 8:3-8 | Where does God place me among all his creation? (see also Gen. 1:26-31) |
| Hebrews 2:5-10 | David wrote that God “put all things” in subjection to humanity. However, there is still something not controlled by humanity. What is it? And what did Jesus do about it? |

We Are the Family of God

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | Why are names we give people and places so important to us? |
| | What role did “family” play in the Old Testament story? |
| 1 John 3:1 John 1:11-13 Gal. 4:4-7 | How are we able to become a part of God’s family? |
| 1 Peter 1:13-17 | How does being God’s child impact the way I live? |
| Matt. 6:9 Hebrews 12:5-11 | How does being God’s child influence the way God treats me? |
| 1 John 4:16-20 | How does being a part of God’s family affect the way we treat other family members? |

We Are the Bride of Christ

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| Genesis 2:24 Jeremiah 31:31-33 | What role did “marriage” play in the Old Testament story? |
| Ephesians 5:25-27 | What does Christ want his bride to look like? |
| 2 Cor. 11:2-4 | How does being married to Christ change the way we listen to others? |
| Revelation 19:7-8 | How does being married to Christ affect the way I look for his return? |
| Revelation 21:1-9 | What are the blessings that come from being married to Christ? |

We Are the Kingdom of God

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| 2 Sam. 7:12-13 | What role did “kingdom” play in the Old Testament story? |
| Daniel 2:44 Hebrews 12:26-29 | How long will God’s kingdom last? |
| John 18:33-17 | How is God’s kingdom different from the governments of the world? |
| Matthew 7:21-23 | What is necessary to enter God’s kingdom? (also 1 Cor. 6:9-11) |
| Philippians 3:20-21 | How does being a part of God’s kingdom change the way we think about the future? |

We Are the Church

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | The word “church” simply means “assembly.” What role do assemblies play in the Old Testament story? |
| Isaiah 2:1-4 | What does Isaiah tell us about the nature and purpose of the church? |
| Matthew 16:13-20 | What does Jesus tell us about the nature of the church? (also 1 Cor. 3:10) |
| Ephesians 4:11-16 Hebrews 10:24-25 Colossians 3:16-17 | What is the goal of the church in these texts? |
| Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35 1 Timothy 5:3-15 | What is the role of the church toward those in need? |

We Are the Temple of God

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | What role did the temple play in the Old Testament? |
| <p>1 Corinthians 6:18-20</p> <p>2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1</p> | How does being God's temple affect the way I think about myself? |
| <p>1 Corinthians 3:16-17</p> | How does being God's temple affect the way I treat other believers? |
| <p>1 Peter 2:4-12</p> <p>[Consider this example: Exodus 36:2-7]</p> | How does being God's temple influence my purpose in life? |
| <p>Revelation 21:22</p> | Why is there not going to be a temple in heaven? |

We Are the Priests of God

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | What role did the priests play in the Old Testament? |
| Hebrews 2:17; 4:14-15; 7:26-27 | Why is Jesus our only High Priest? |
| Revelation 1:5-6; 5:9-10 | How were we made priests to God? |
| 1 Peter 2:1-10 [Consider also: Exodus 19:4-6] | “The words for priests and priesthood are applied to Christians only in 1 Peter and Revelation. In every case, the usage is collective.” (The Church of Christ. Everett Ferguson, p. 221 Eerdmans.) What is God’s priesthood to do? |
| Hebrews 13:15-16 Phil. 2:17; 4:18 Romans 12:1 | What sacrifices to God’s priests offer? |

We Are Disciples of Jesus

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | <p>“A student or follower. As used in the New Testament, the English term (from Lat. discipulus “pupil”) reflects the Greek sense of the disciple as an adherent to the teachings of a particular teacher or school of thought.” (Myers, A. C. (1987). Eerdmans Bible dictionary (p. 285). Eerdmans.)</p> <p>What would be some modern terms for disciple?</p> |
| <p>John 8:31; 15:5-8</p> <p>Matthew 28:19-20</p> | <p>What is necessary to be a disciple of Jesus?</p> |
| <p>Luke 14:25-33</p> | <p>Jesus said, “You cannot be my disciple” three times (14:26, 27, 33) What will keep a person from being Jesus’ disciple?</p> |
| <p>Acts 6:7; 14:21</p> | <p>How are disciples made?</p> |
| <p>Mark 10:28-31</p> | <p>Describe the rewards of being a disciple?</p> |

We Are Servants of Christ

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | <p>“The Greek word <i>doulos</i> means “bond-slave”—literally “one tied to another.” The Greek word speaks of one who is subject to the will of his or her master.” (Holman treasury of key Bible words: (p. 393).)</p> <p>What would be some modern terms for servant or slave?</p> |
| <p>Titus 1:1 James 1:1 2 Peter 1:1 Jude 1:1 Galatians 1:10</p> | <p>We are to see ourselves <i>primarily</i> as whose servant? Why is this order important?</p> |
| <p>Galatians 5:13-15 1 Peter 4:10</p> | <p>We to use our salvation for what purpose?</p> |
| <p>Matthew 20:25-28</p> | <p>How are servants considered in God’s kingdom? How is Jesus our example of service?</p> |
| <p>John 13:1-16</p> | <p>What does Jesus’ example of washing feet teach us about being a servant?</p> |

We Are the Body of Christ

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| <p>Romans 12:3-8</p> | <p>How does seeing God's people as a body deal with our arrogance and release our activity?</p> |
| <p>1 Corinthians 12:12-27</p> | <p>How does seeing God's people as a body deepen our unity?</p> |
| <p>Ephesians 1:20-23</p> <p>[Consider also: Ephesians 4:11-16; 5:23]</p> | <p>What role does Jesus have in the body? What does this mean?</p> |
| <p>Ephesians 4:15-16</p> <p>Colossians 2:18-19</p> | <p>What is the result of the body functioning correctly?</p> |
| <p>Colossians 3:14-15</p> | <p>What should we feel about being a member of Christ's body?</p> |

We Are the Sheep of the Shepherd

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | What role did the sheep & shepherds play in the Old Testament? |
| Psalm 23:1-4 | How is our Shepherd described? Why do we need a Shepherd like this? |
| Luke 15:1-7 | How does Jesus feel about His sheep? |
| John 10:1-18 | How do Jesus' sheep respond to him? What blessings does the Shepherd give his sheep? |
| | What is a modern example of a "sheep"? In what ways does your example parallel what the bible says about sheep? |

We Are the Vine (Vineyard) of God

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| <p>Isaiah 5:1-7</p> <p>[Consider connection: Matt. 21:33-46]</p> | <p>How did God treat his vineyard? How did his vineyard respond?</p> |
| <p>John 15:1-11</p> | <p>What are the responsibilities of being a branch on Jesus' vine?</p> |
| <p>Matthew 21:28-32</p> | <p>What does the parable of the Two Sons teach us about God's vineyard?</p> |
| <p>Luke 13:6-9</p> | <p>What is Jesus looking for in his vineyard?</p> |
| | <p>What is a modern example of a vineyard? In what ways do your example(s) parallel what we studied about God's vineyard?</p> |

We Are Runners in A Race

| 1 st the Text | Then, Your Thoughts |
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| | Why do you think people ran in Biblical times? |
| 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 | What decisions are necessary to run the race of faith successfully? |
| Philippians 3:12-14 | Where should our focus be if we are to complete the race? |
| Acts 20:24 | What made Paul such a good “runner” spiritually? |
| Hebrews 12:1-2 | What attitudes and actions are needed to finish the race of faith? |
| 2 Timothy 4:7-8 | What is the reward for finishing the race of faith? |