

September readings / questions to respond to and discuss online before the in person meeting on September 28th.

- Aug 25-August 31: Genesis 1-25:18

- Throughout the early part of Genesis, many names are given to items, people, and places. In English if we were to call someone "Slick" it would be a cool name but could also mean that Slick was a smooth-talking person. In the same way, in Hebrew the name Adam means formed from the dust of the ground. What other names of people or places did you notice and did they change the story's meaning for you?

- Sept 1-7: Genesis 25:19-50

- This week's readings focus on the stories of Jacob and Joseph. What ways did you see similarities between the two stories? Differences? Why do you think these two are so important to the story of Genesis?

- Sept 8-14: Exodus

- The action of Exodus through Numbers centers around the stay at Sinai. What changes for the Israelites once they arrive at Sinai? How was life different for them once they entered the wilderness? How would you react if you were in the company of traveling Israelites?

- Sept 15-21: Leviticus and Numbers

- **FIRST:** read with a goal of overview! Please feel free to read a summary of Leviticus and Numbers! Share which ones helped you. If you are deep in the laws and regulations of Leviticus or Numbers, these laws were written for the people to help set them apart once they reached the Promised Land. What is a law that you'd like more explanation for?

- Sept 22-28: Deuteronomy

- The emphasis of Deuteronomy is on the ending, Chapters 27-34, looking forward to crossing the Jordan River. The events of Egypt and Horeb (this book's name for Mt Sinai) are reviewed and interpreted during Moses' last times with the Israelites. What interpretations stood out to you? What advice from Moses do you think will be important to carry across the Jordan?