

# THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 1 \* Small Group Questions about Your Experience with the Bible  
Opening Collect: Proper 28, BCP 236

DIRECTIONS FOR LEADERS: Leading these sessions is EASY!

- ✦ Read the STARTER, and decide who answers first (STARTERS are given for each question).
- ✦ Read the question, and let that first person answer; then each person takes turns going around the circle clockwise answering the question.
- ✦ When you get to the last question, which is "PRAY," do it: out loud. If someone is not comfortable praying out loud, that's okay. Have him or her pray silently, and then say, "Amen," so the next person will know when to pick up. There's no "Starter" for the prayer. I trust you to work it out!

## 1. STARTER: THE ONE WHO'S BEEN PART OF THE MESSIAH FAMILY LONGEST

What's your earliest memory of hearing the Bible or Bible stories? Who read or told them to you?

## 2. STARTER: THE ONE WHO'S NEWEST TO THE MESSIAH FAMILY

What or who is an Old Testament Bible story or character that is particularly meaningful or inspiring to you? Why?

## 3. STARTER: THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THE BIGGEST BIBLE TODAY

What is an Old Testament story that disturbs or confuses you? Why?

## 4. STARTER: THE ONE WHO READ HIS/HER BIBLE MOST RECENTLY.

What is your current custom about reading or listening to the Bible? How often do you do it? When do you do it? Do you have a particular place where you go to read or listen? And how do you decide where in the Bible to read from or listen to?

## 5. PRAY:

- a. Thanking God for speaking to us through his Word.
- b. Thanking God for the people who have helped us hear and understand the Word.
- c. For grace to read or listen to the Bible daily.
- d. For grace to understand what we read and hear in the Bible.
- e. For any other needs in your group.