Where East Meets West

Look up the following Bible stories and decide whether each pertains more to the emphasis of the Churches in the East or the Church in the West. What is the most important action or symbol in each story? Who is doing it? Take notes about each story in the space below to guide your choice. Write the Bible citation in the appropriate column at left and explain your answer.

1. Acts of the Apostles 6:1–7

(The Seven Helpers)

2. Acts of the Apostles 8:14–17

(The Gospel in Samaria)

3. 1 Samuel 9:26–10: 1

(Samuel Anoints Saul as Ruler)

4. 1 Samuel 16:12–13

(David Is Anointed King)

Story: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scripture citation(s):

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Using your Handbook, pages 366–368, including the Think About It! article on page 366 in the Handbook, and your Bible, complete these questions regarding how Confirmation differs between the Church in the West and the Churches in the East:

West

How long after Baptism are people confirmed?

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Who confirms? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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What sets its practice apart from the East?  
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What is important in determining when and how Confirmation is celebrated?  
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East

1. How long after Baptism are people confirmed?  
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6. What do the Churches in the East and the Church in the West emphasize that causes different practices of Confirmation?

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7. What do the Churches in the East and the Church in the West have in common regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation?

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