



Searching the Scriptures for the World of Jesus

Cut this handout along the dashed lines to form five slips of paper.



Geography and Climate

Go through your assigned Gospel and note all the occasions when the geography or climate of Palestine enters directly into the teachings of Jesus (that is, any time he refers to images of the land and its weather to make a point or teach a lesson). Record the chapter and verse references and brief descriptions of the occasions. You have 40 minutes.

Food and the Sharing of Meals

Go through your assigned Gospel and note all the occasions when Jesus refers to food or the sharing of meals in his teachings, and all the occasions when a meal is actually shared. Record the chapter and verse references and brief descriptions of the occasions. You have 40 minutes.

Family Life and Its Traditions

Go through your assigned Gospel and note all the occasions when Jesus refers to family life and its traditions (for example, marriage, child-rearing) in his teachings. Record the chapter and verse references and brief descriptions of the occasions. You have 40 minutes.

Housing and Occupations

Go through your assigned Gospel and note all the occasions when Jesus refers to the housing and various occupations of his people. Record the chapter and verse references and brief descriptions of the occasions. You have 40 minutes.

Social Classes

Go through your assigned Gospel and note all the occasions when Jesus refers to social classes—rich and poor people, slaves and free people, people in power and people without power—in his teachings. Record the chapter and verse references and brief descriptions of the occasions. You have 40 minutes.
