



The Presbyterian Panel

Listening to Presbyterians



QUESTIONNAIRE

The Bible—Members and Elders November 2011

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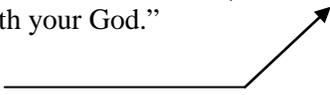
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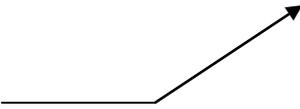
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₁ Yes → Q1a. In which **one** format did you **most recently** read the Bible outside of worship?

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	Very Important	Important	A Little Important	Not Important	Not Applicable	Not Sure
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b. Listening to sermons	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
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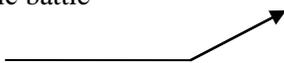
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 - ₂ Agree
 - ₃ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ₄ Disagree
 - ₅ Strongly disagree
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 - ₃ A little
 - ₄ Not at all
 - ₅ Not sure

Panel Experience

- Q41. How much has your participation in the 2009-2011 Presbyterian Panel helped you:
- | | Quite a Bit | A Fair Amount | Only a Little | Not at All | Not Sure |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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 - ₂ Good
 - ₃ Fair
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- Q43. Please use this space or another page for any additional comments.



The Bible—Ministers of Word and Sacrament November 2011

Biblical Knowledge

Please respond to the following questions based on your current understanding, without help from other people or information resources. Select what you think is the **one** best available response for each multiple-choice question. Some questions may seem very easy, but we are asking members and elders many of the same questions, so we need a range of questions for comparison purposes.

- Q1. Is each of the following statements from the Bible? Yes No
- | | | | | |
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| a. “Blessed are the strong, for they shall be the sword of God.” | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| b. “For I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
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| d. “God helps those who help themselves.” | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| e. “Let your women keep silent in the churches, for it is not permitted for them to speak.” | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |

- Q2. Which biblical figure is most closely associated with each of the following? (Please check **one** in each row.)
- | | Abraham | Elijah | Job | Moses |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Remaining obedient to God despite suffering | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Leading the exodus from Egypt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Q3. What is the first book of the Bible?
Genesis

Q4. What are the names of the first four books of the New Testament?
Matthew Mark
Luke John

Q5. Which **one** of the following is **not** one of the Ten Commandments?
 1 Do not commit adultery.
 2 Do not steal.
 3 Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
 4 Keep the Sabbath holy.

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 1 Abraham
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 3 Lot
 4 Noah

Q7. What did God promise in his covenant with Noah?
 1 Noah would be the father of many nations.
 2 Noah’s family would inherit the land of Canaan.
 3 The Messiah would be one of Noah’s descendants.
 4 There would never be another flood to destroy the earth.

Q8. By what means were the Israelites guided through the wilderness after they left Egypt?
 1 Jethro and his family
 2 Moses’ knowledge of the area
 3 The pillars of cloud and of fire
 4 The reconnaissance of the 12 spies

Q9. Which book contains the following statement: “If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death”?
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 2 Exodus
 3 Leviticus
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- ₁ Rachel
 - ₂ Zipporah
 - ₃ Miriam
 - ₄ Lot's wife
- Q11. According to Joshua, what did Rahab do?
- ₁ She helped the men of Jericho prepare for war.
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 - ₃ Orpah
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- ₁ David
 - ₂ Jeroboam
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- ₁ 1 Kings
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