

Week 2 Bible 101 Homework

- 1) **Poke Around the Book of Psalms.** *How many different kinds of Psalms can you find (lament, petition, praise, etc.). Find one that you really like and that speaks to you.*
- 2) **Explore the Book of Proverbs a Bit.** *Proverbs is full of pithy sayings, the wisdom of lived experience. Can you find any that are humorous? Really pertinent to the world or your life today? More descriptive (this is just how life is) than prescriptive (this is how you should live)?*
- 3) **Read the Excerpt from Bible Babel.** This will give you a sense of the differences and similarities between the Old Testament and Hebrew Bible, a quick overview of the Old and New Testaments and an introduction to how Biblical history is recorded. Take note of any new insights and big picture ideas.
- 4) **Read the Excerpt from The Bible Unwrapped.** *What are your reactions to the author challenging the notion of the “Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth” approach to reading the Bible? What do you think Good means by reading the scriptures and developing a Biblically shaped imagination? Now that you are experts on Genesis 1 & 2 (☺) what do you think of the way she describes those two accounts of creation?*