**Biblical Critique Assignment Instructions**

**Overview**

During this course, you will complete 4 **Biblical Critique Assignments** (see chart below). For each critique, you will read, reflect, and respond to the assigned Bible character(s) and verses. Each Bible character(s) and verses correlate to a conflict. Studying these conflicts can help us understand how to honor God during conflict and seek reconciliation. The crux of this assignment is located in the **Respond Section** on the **Biblical Critique Template**.

**Introduction**

In order to complete each critique, you must utilize the **Biblical Critique Template**. Each critique must include an introduction and conclusion. Between the introduction and conclusion, you will complete three sections:

1. Read
2. Reflect
3. Respond

**Read Section**

In this section, you will read the assigned verses. After reading though the verses, reread the passage and note all the facts of the verses. In this section, you will not provide any personal analysis or critique. You will only list the facts straight from the Bible with the corresponding verse. You should aim for 10-15 facts from each passage. You must provide at least 10 facts, but less than 15 facts. This section on the template is a short chart. You must complete the chart on the template.

**Reflect Section**

In this section, you will reflect on the facts of the passage and reread the passage. This time, look for places in the passage that reveal the character of God and/or man, or point to Jesus. This section should not provide any personal analysis or critique, but should come straight from the Bible with corresponding verses to support where you found the character of God and/or man or point to Jesus. This section on the template is a short chart. You must complete the chart on the template.

**Respond Section**

In this section, you will reread the passage this time noting how this passage applies to the current world, your personal situation, and conflict resolution. This is where you provide your personal analysis and critique of the passage. Make sure you identify whether or not the character in the passage from the Bible honored God during the conflict and how this passage shows you how to honor God during the conflict. This section should be at least three complete paragraphs and must include support from *your textbook* and/or *scholarly journal articles* published in the last five years.

All **Biblical Critique Assignments** must follow current APA style. No direct quotes are permitted unless quoting from the Bible.

All **Biblical Critique Assignments** must utilize the assigned character and passages for each assigned module below:

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| **Module: Week** | **Biblical Critique Character(s)** | **Biblical Critique Passages\*** |
| Module 2: Week 2 | Cain and Abel | Genesis 4:1 – 12 |
| Module 4: Week 4 | Israelites | Joshua 22: 1 – 34 |
| Module 5: Week 5 | Hellenistic and Hebraic Jews | Acts 6: 1 – 7 |
| Module 6: Week 6 | Candidate’s Choice | Select the character and passages you want to critique from the list below:   * **Jacob and Esau**: Genesis 25:19 – 34 * **Ananias:** Acts 9: 1 – 22 * **Fig Tree:** Luke 13: 6 – 8 * **The Good Samaritan:** Luke 10: 25 – 37 * **Mary and Martha:** Luke 10: 38 – 42 |

**\***Direct links to all the assigned Biblical Critique Passages are located in the Learn section for the week; however, for the Candidate’s Choice, links to all the readings are located on the **Biblical Critique: Candidate’s Choice Assignment** page under the **Biblical Critique: Candidate’s Choice Resources** section.