

Confirmation Class

Series 2 Lesson 11: Church Year Calendar Addendum

The Church Year: There is structure to the church. 1 Corinthians 14:40 says, "Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." To facilitate worship, the church year is broken down into 2 semesters:

The semester of our Lord: Runs from Advent through Pentecost. In those (approximately) six months the focus is on the life of Jesus. The seasons center on activities of his life.

The semester of the Church: Pentecost Season (ever notice how it's "7th Sunday After Pentecost," "15th Sunday After Pentecost," "24th Sunday After Pentecost?") In those (approximately) six months the focus is on the teachings of Jesus/the activity of the church.

The Church Seasons:

Advent:

What does the term mean? _____

How long? _____

How is the date determined? _____

Where is it in the Bible? _____

What is the color of the season? _____ Why? _____

What is the (two-fold) focus? _____, _____

What's the deal with the wreath? _____

Christmas:

How long? _____

How is the date determined? _____

Where is it in the Bible? _____

What is the color of the season? _____ Why? _____

What is the focus? _____

What's the deal with the 12 days? _____

Epiphany:

What does the term mean? _____

How long? _____

How is the date determined? _____

Where is it in the Bible? _____

What are the colors of the season? _____, _____ Why?

What is the focus? _____

What's the Gospel reading every year for the first Sunday after the Epiphany?

What's the Gospel reading every year for the last Sunday of Epiphany? _____

Lent:

- What does the term mean? _____
- How long? _____
- How is the date determined? _____
- What is its first day? _____
- Where is it in the Bible? _____
- What is the color of the season? _____ Why? _____
- What is the focus? _____
- What's the Gospel reading every year for the first Sunday in Lent? _____
- How is the last week laid out? _____

Easter:

- How long? _____
- How is the date determined? _____
- The length of how many seasons are controlled by the date of Easter? _____
- Where is it in the Bible? _____
- What is the color of the season? _____ Why? _____
- What is the focus? _____
- What's the Gospel reading every year for the first Sunday after Easter?

Ascension:

- How long? _____
- How is the date determined? _____
- Where is it in the Bible? _____
- What is the color of the season? _____ Why? _____
- What is the focus? _____
- What day of the week does it always fall on? _____

Pentecost:

- How long? _____
- How is the date determined? _____
- Where is it in the Bible? _____
- What is the color of the season? _____ Why? _____
- What is the focus? _____
- What are the last three Sundays of the season called? _____