

World Religions in Greater Indianapolis Teaching Module

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Discipline: Literature

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World Religion: Christianity

Teaching Module Title: Christian Religious Traditions

Teaching Module Goals:

1. Engage in a close reading of specific passages
2. Examine the portrayal of God through different passages of text
3. Discuss the use of language and its intent

Assigned Readings and/or Websites:

Read Mark 1:1-14

Read Revelations 21:1-4, 6-8

Study Questions and/or Discussions Prompts for Students:

1. In Mark 1:10-11, how is God portrayed by the author? What characteristics would the reader attach?
2. In Mark 1:12-13, how is God portrayed by the author? What characteristics?
3. In Revelations 21:1-4, how is God portrayed by the author? What characteristics?
4. In Revelations 21:6-8, how is God portrayed by the author? What characteristics?
5. What emotions might a reader feel during each passage? What does the author want the reader to feel?

Written Assignments and/or other Assessment Instruments:

Students complete a journal assignment considering the following questions:

- How is the language used and why might the author choose certain words?
- What is the intent of the writer and how does the writer make that clear?
- Knowing this is a translation of the original text, does that change the interpretation? Why or why not?