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THE WATERMARK

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WATER TRIVIA

Flip the paper over for the answers.

1. Of all the water on Earth, what percent is fresh water?
a. 3% b. 7% c. 13%
2. What percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water?
a. 60% b. 70% c. 80%
3. How much water does the average American home used in one year (indoor and outdoor)?
a. 100,000gal b. 500,000gal
c. 1,000,000 gal
4. Which activity uses the most water?
a. flushing a toilet b. brushing your teeth
c. washing a load of laundry
5. How much does a gallon of water weigh?
a. 4.68lbs b. 6.02lbs c. 8.34lbs
6. Water is found on the Earth naturally as a solid a liquid and a gas. How many other elements can be found naturally on the Earth in all three forms?
a. 0 b. 1 c. 4

Transitions

I was a counselor at Jr. Camp last summer, and one of the big group activities we did was the relay race. However, it was a blindfolded relay race where campers had to help lead other campers. You can imagine how hard this might have been with a bunch of impatient and loud 4th 5th and 6th graders. You really don't know what hard is until you are blindfolded and told to run through a bunch of tires on the ground while being led by a laughing 10 year old.

In the story of Elijah and Elisha, in 2nd Kings chapter 2, we come across a scene in the Bible where there seems to be another sort of passing of the torch from a very devout follower of God to a young, probably nervous, new candidate for the holding of the torch. This is the torch of being THE prophet of YAHWEH

THIS WEEK'S OUTING

GAME NIGHT IN MAPLE

I know what you are thinking... every night is a game night, why is this our outing? Well think again. We will have a Wii with a Mario Kart tournament, Heroscape, a Ping-Pong Tournament, and any other game you might want to play. There will also be pizza and an 11:00pm curfew!

Elijah seems reluctant to pass the torch in the story. This might have resulted from a lack of trust in the abilities of Elisha, or the fact that Elijah knew that Elisha would seemingly be going blindfolded into a position of leadership within their faith tradition. In the early Christian church we had a similar problem. We had really two groups of Christian leaders in the first century: Jewish ones and Gentile ones. Now Jews had a hard time with allowing Gentiles into leadership positions in the church. Gentiles were new to the faith and were seen as not really understanding Jesus as the Messiah.

However, the New Testament authors recognized this and in several places they say things like:

“There is neither Jew Nor Greek,”

“...in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles.”

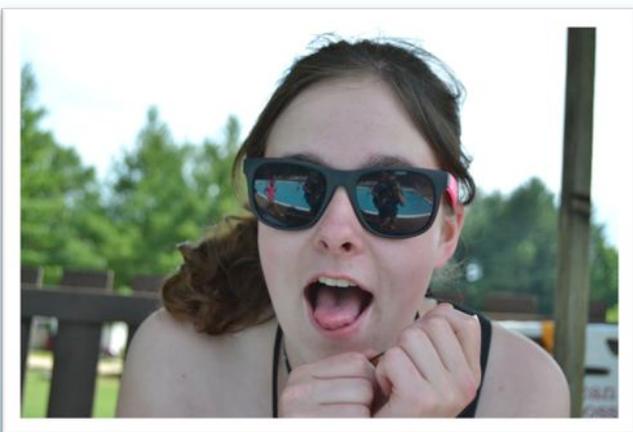
We often look towards transitions as scary endeavors that leave us feeling uncertain about the future and sometimes a little shaky on who are leading in the church after we leave, but this has been the case for every Christian church since its creation. The good thing about God is that he isn't an impatient ten year old leading you through an obstacle course blindfolded (though it may seem that way when we continue to fear the unknown). As we inherit the word of the Lord today (hopefully a double portion), let's not look at the crossing of the Jordan River as a dead end for the future of the church, but as a starting line for the will of God as our will.

“He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. ‘Where now is the Lord the God of Elijah?’ he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left and he crossed over.”

-2 Kings 2: 14

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. a. 3% 2. b. 70%
3. a. 100,000gal
4. a. flushing a toilet
5. c. 8.34lbs 6. a. 0



BIG WORD OF THE WEEK

Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia

Definition: (*noun*) the fear of big words.

In a Sentence: If Edith could pronounce hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia then she might be afraid of it.