

**Passover & Easter Program, April 1-28 2014.
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Personal Reflection & Evaluation.

1. How did you prepare for this Biblical experience in the Holy land?

I arranged to have time after the session as I know from previous experience how important it is, to study the material we've received and take advantage of other reference material.

2. Having experienced the full program now, would you prepare yourself differently?

It would have been helpful to be more familiar with Exodus, in order to follow the lectures.

3. What means will you employ to ensure, that your experiences will have some effect on your future ministry?

I'm aware that I'm watching out for words and symbols that capture insights that enrich and give a fuller meaning to the text. This is especially true in John's gospel where an understanding of the significance of words and symbols in the First Testament, enrich and give a fuller meaning to the text. In my reality this will emerge in sharing the Word in community, reflections at Eucharist and community prayer.

4. What would be the most important insights that you might share with others when you return?

A growing understanding that writers in both Testaments, used symbols from earlier biblical authors and traditions, which give a new and richer meaning to the words and images in later writings especially the New Testament. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is presented as a Jew, who knew and used symbols, which when understood in their context have a powerful impact on what the author of the Gospel is presenting.

5. What if anything has changed in the your personal, and ministerial life?

The new understanding I have gained will influence my life.

6. If you were consulted on the planning of the next program, how might you plan?

The most important aspect is the presenter. Not sure how you achieve this. What might you add? I would have found it helpful if we had received notes at the end of Walter Vogels presentation. He used the white board, however I found it difficult to find references understand and write notes. I appreciated the Eucharist at significant moments and the freedom for those who wished to organise a daily Eucharist.