

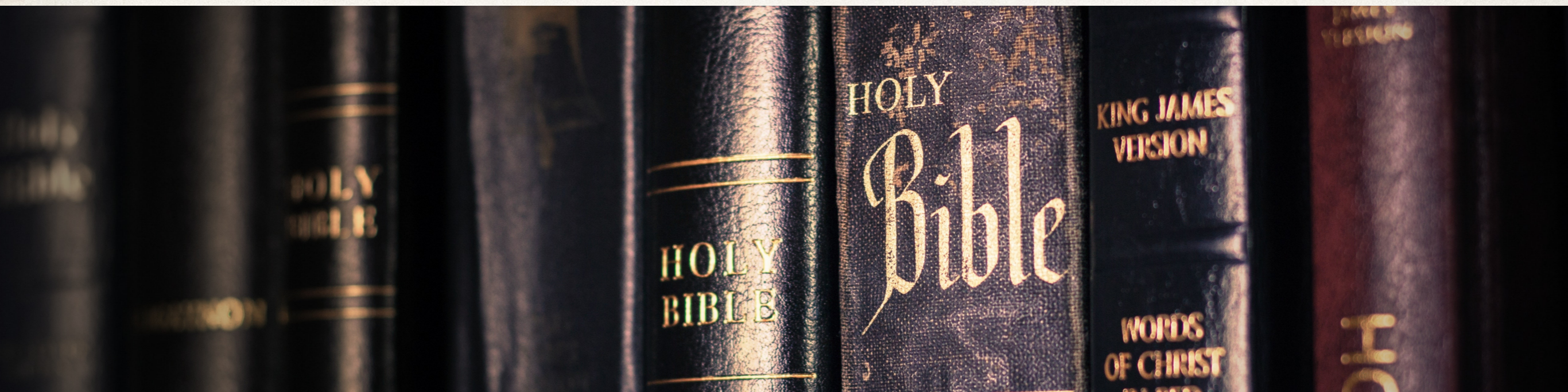


Listening for God's Call in Scripture

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- ❖ Bible, from *biblios*, meaning books
- ❖ 66 books (39 in the Hebrew Scriptures; 27 in the New Testament)
- ❖ the Apocrypha (found in Roman Catholic and Episcopal canon)
- ❖ written on 3 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe)
- ❖ over a span of more than 1500 years



Reading the Bible in community

- ❖ A public book about community, heard, studied, and explored in the community of others
- ❖ In Episcopal churches we usually hear a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, a psalm, a reading from the Epistles, and a Gospel reading each Sunday
- ❖ We hear scripture in hymns and in the language of the Book of Common Prayer

Breakout groups

Briefly retell the story of the Great Flood.

Why did people tell this story in the first place?

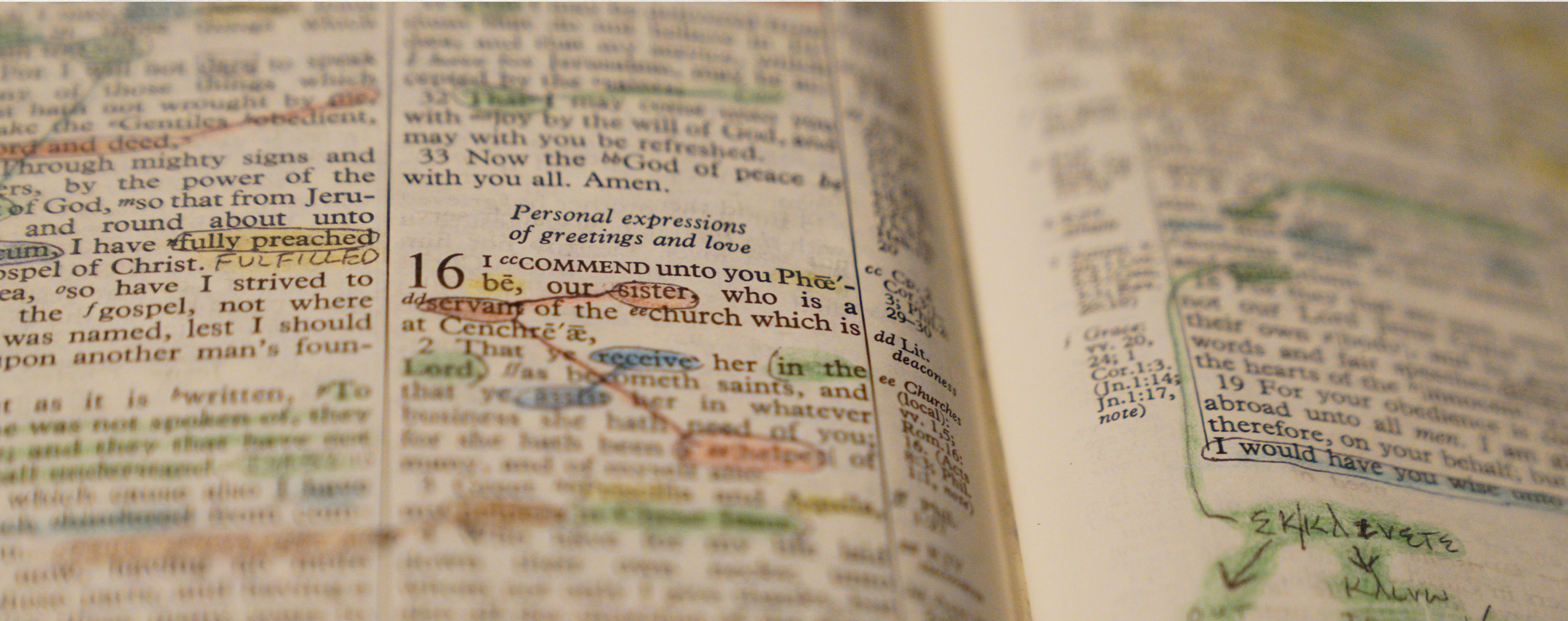
Why does this story endure?



Unpacking a text

- Read the text in different translations.
- Who is the author, the audience, and the author's intention?
- What can we say about the cultural and historical influences on the author?
- What do you notice about the setting and situation?
- What is the larger context of the passage?
- What are key words, symbols, and images?
- What are the main ideas?
- What does this say to us today?





Responding to Scripture

- ❖ *lectio divina*
- ❖ bible study

- ❖ Ignatian imaginative prayer
- ❖ journaling