HOPEWELL M.B. CHURCH WOMEN'S MONTH BIBLE STUDY NOTES APRIL 2023



## **HISTORY OF "The Bag"**

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Women have carried purses (bags) of all shapes, sizes, colors, and material since the beginning of creation; from goatskin, to straw, to satin and sequin.

From the reticule to the steamer trunk designed by Loius Vuitton in 1858, the bag has evolved to match its owners style, personality, and specific needs.

In 1925 the Alma Vuitton handbag was created for Coco Chanel.

During the roaring 20's Guccio Gucci established the "House of Gucci" after becoming successful in making accessories for horseback riders.

During the 30's actress Grace Kelly ushered in a movement for all women when she became well known for the "Kelly bag".

During the 1940's Gabrielle Chanel created a bag with a shoulder strap, freeing up women's hands.

During the 1960's celebrity figures Elizabeth Taylor and Jaqueline Kennedy began their own movement as women sought to imitate their style.

In the 1980's the now famous "C" on the Chanel bag was introduced Karl Lagerfeld; and the Birkin bag evolved from the Hermes bag.

Whatever the style or material of the "bag", they all have a common goal, which is to hold and protect the possessions of its owners.

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

The term "Secure The Bag" is an expression used to describe the act of taking/obtaining advantage of the situation and keeping something of value. It initially originated in the hip hop culture from a song by the same title, by Lil Uzi Vert and Gucci Mane in 2016.

The term, meaning "working to meet your goals" (specifically money) or "doing what it takes to achieve your goal", is symbolically synonymous with obtaining wealth.

In the biblical sense, God called many men and women to "Secure The Bag" as they were challenged to do what it took to achieve their goals.

During the next four weeks we will examine four women (or groups of women) whom God called to "Secure The Bag"; looking at what each had in their bags and what it took to "Secure The Bag".

DATE	ΤΟΡΙϹ	FACILITATOR
	Rahab	Joanne Petty
April 12	Joshua 2; 6:17, 22-25	Women Making A Difference
		In Business
	Queen of Sheba	Annette Pitts
April 19	l Kings 10:1-13	Women Making A Difference
		Through Education
	Mary, Joanna, Susanna	Evris Kelley
April 26	Luke 8:1-3	Women Making A Difference In
		the Church & Community
	Lois and Eunice	Sophia Davidson
May 3	ll Timothy 1:5	Women Making A Difference for
		Future Generations

SECURE THE BAG NUGGETS OF WISDOM WOMAN OF THE BIBLE: Rahab SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Joshua 2; 6:17, 22-25 FOCUS: A Woman Chosen By God	ADDITIONAL NOTES
WHAT SHE HAD IN HER BAG:	
HOW SHE SECURED HER BAG:	
ADDITIONAL STUDY NOTES	
1) What was Rahab's profession?	
2) According to Deuteronomy 23:18, how did God view Rahab's profession?	

ADDITIONAL NOTES	3) How did Rahab become important to God (God's plan)?
	- 4) What did Rahab request in exchange for her help?
	5) What does Matthew 5:45 say?
	- HOW THIS HELPS WOMEN SECURE THEIR BAG TODAY:

# SECURE THE BAG NUGGETS OF WISDOM WOMAN OF THE BIBLE: Queen of Sheba SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: I Kings 10:1-13 FOCUS: Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone

WHAT SHE HAD IN HER BAG:\_\_\_\_\_

- 2) According to verses 7-8, why was this important to Timothy?
- 3) Why is it important for parents to demonstrate, not just "talk about" what they believe?
- 4) How does Psalm 127:3-4 describe children?
- 5) Why is James 5:16 important for parents to remember?
- 6) How does Ephesians 6:4 apply to Lois and Eunice?

HOW THIS HELPS WOMEN SECURE THEIR BAG TODAY:

HOW SHE SECURED HER BAG:\_\_\_\_\_

#### **ADDITIONAL STUDY NOTES:**

- 1) With whom did the Queen of Sheba meet?
- 2) According to verse 1, what was the purpose of her meeting?

SECURE THE BAG	3) What did the Queen bring to give as a gift (v. 10)?
NUGGETS OF WISDOM WOMAN OF THE BIBLE: Lois and Eunice SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: II Timothy 1:5	4) How does Proverbs 27:17 relate to the Queen's visit?
FOCUS: Called to Secure Generational Legacies	5) How does verse 5 describe the Queen's reaction to her visit?
WHAT THEY HAD IN THEIR BAG:	6) How does John 5:8 relate to what the Queen did?
	<ul> <li>7) How does verse 7 compare to verse 1?</li> </ul>
	HOW THIS HELPS WOMEN SECURE THEIR BAG TODAY:
HOW THEY SECURED THEIR BAG:	
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ADDITIONAL STUDY NOTES:	
1) According to verse 5, what does Paul recall about Lois and Eunice?	

# SECURE THE BAG NUGGETS OF WISDOM

WOMAN OF THE BIBLE: Mary, Joanna, Susanna SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Luke 8:1-3 FOCUS: An Attitude of Servanthood

WHAT THEY HAD IN THEIR BAG:\_\_\_\_\_

- 2) According to verse 3, how did these women express their gratitude towards Jesus?
- 3) Which spiritual gift did these women exemplify?
- 4) According to Matthew 20:26, who is considered great in the kingdom of God?
- 5) What does the word "minister" mean?
- 6) According to Matthew 6:4, how will God repay us for what we do for others?
- 7) How does Luke 12:48 relate to this study?

HOW THIS HELPS WOMEN SECURE THEIR BAG TODAY:

**ADDITIONAL STUDY NOTES:** 

HOW THEY SECURED THEIR BAG:\_\_\_\_\_

1) How does verse 2 describe Mary Magdalene?