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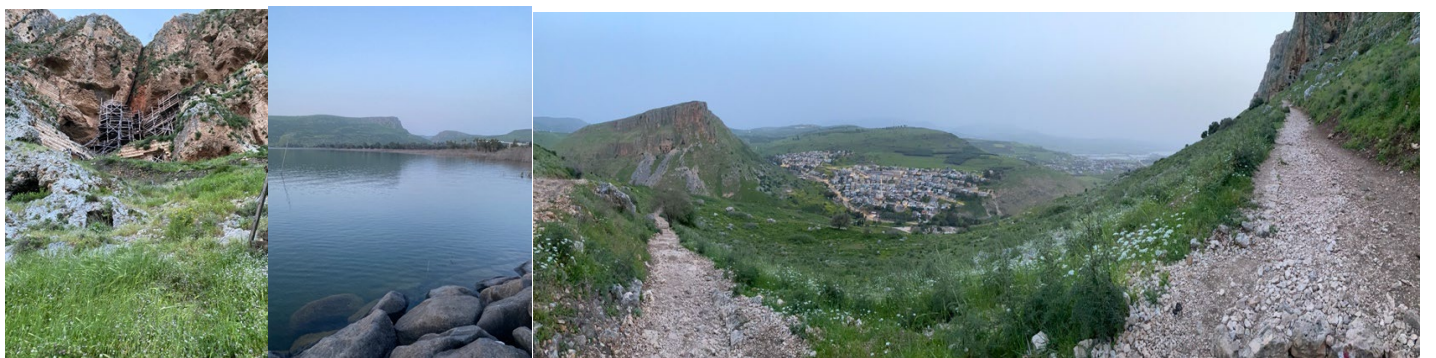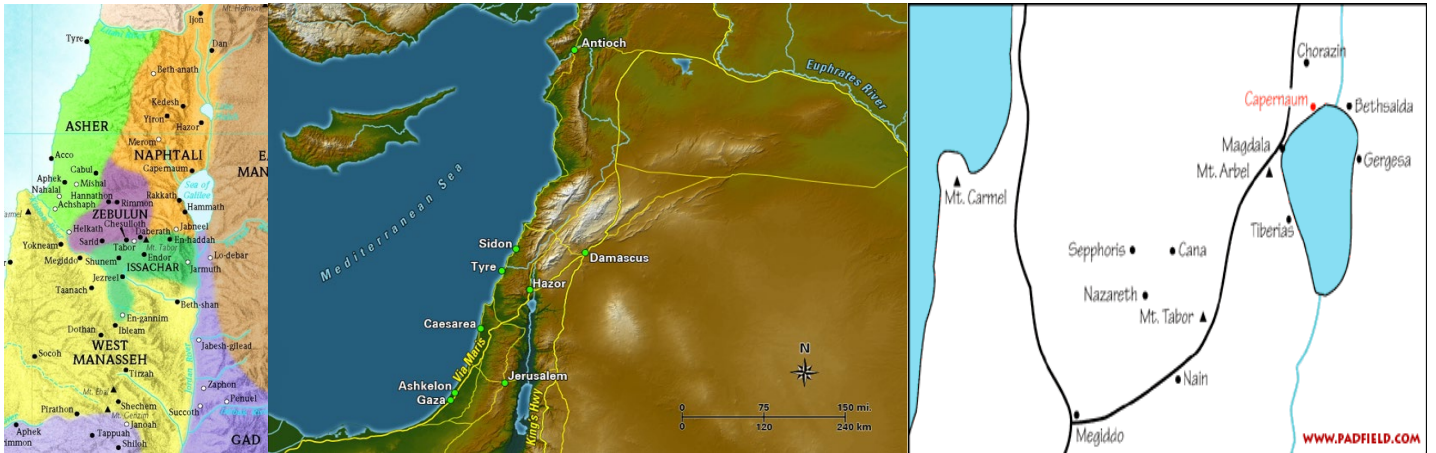**Jesus' Ministry Center**

Opening Discussion:
1. Why do you think God choose to work in some geographical locations in particular seasons in ways He does not work in other locations?
2. When and where have you witnessed a powerful and prolonged move of God?
3. When you hear about the Sea of Galilee, what comes to mind?

God chose the region of Galilee and the Sea of Galilee as the sight for the Messiah's ministry in order

to _____ the religious _____ based in _____ and start a new

_____ of _____.

1. The _____ of Galilee _____ Jesus
There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. **Isaiah 9:1**

2. The _____ of Galilee _____ Jesus
- The Sea of Galilee is also know as: the Sea of Chinnereth (Numbers 34:11; Joshua 12:3; 13:27), the Sea of Gennesaret (Luke 5:1), the Sea of Tiberias (John 6:1; 21:1)
- It is rarely mentioned in the Old Testament except as a border for some of the tribes (Joshua 12:3, 13:27).

3. The _____ of Galilee _____ the ministry of Jesus
- Most of the Disciples were from Galilee:
- Jesus adopted Capernaum, which is in Galilee, as His ministry headquarters.
- Jesus spent most of His time in Galilee and performed most of the miracles recorded in Scripture in Galilee.
- Jesus's ministry around Galilee, instead of Jerusalem, was a rejection of the 1st century Jewish religious/political system.

4. The _____ of Galilee _____ the ministry of Jesus
- The Sea of Galilee is the scene of some of the greatest moments in Jesus's ministry.
- Jesus's control over the Sea of Galilee is evidence of His Deity: Genesis 1:2, Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 107:25-29, Jonah 1:15

Fill in the Blank Answers:

God chose the region of Galilee and the Sea of Galilee as the sight for the Messiah's ministry in order to <u>reject</u> the religious <u>system</u> based in <u>Jerusalem</u> and start a new <u>community</u> of <u>faith</u>.
1. region, before
2. sea, before
3. region, during
4. sea, during