

## **Course Usage: Individual User in Schooling Context**

### **The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp**

#### General Guidelines:

- The estimated average time to complete this module is 5 days, committing, on average, 1-2 hours each day, depending on how in-depth you choose to go in your consideration of the text.
- It is important that appropriate time is taken, if possible, to carefully read the text (just over 7 pages).
- We encourage discussion with your instructor following each lesson, i.e., on historical context, the reading of the text, the core reflection questions, and the summative review.
- We encourage short essays (length should be age appropriate) for the core reflection questions or at least outlines or bullet point notes in relationship to the “core reflection questions” prior to watching the explanation videos.

#### Sample Schedule:

##### Day 1:

- Lesson 1: Read through the introduction.
- Lesson 2: Read the historical context and watch the video. You may also want to read through the related links.
- Discuss the historical context with the instructor.
- Lesson 3: Download the text (printing is optional) and review the “core reflection questions.”

##### Day 2:

- Lesson 3: Read the text. Take notes on the text with particular focus on the “core reflection questions” and any other points that peak your interest.

##### Day 3:

- Lesson 3: Develop either short-essays or an outline/bullet point notes in relationship to each “core reflection question.”
- Lesson 3: Discuss your responses to the “core reflection questions” with your instructor in relationship to the text.

Day 4:

- Lesson 4: Watch the explanation videos to the “core reflection questions.”
- Lesson 4: Discuss your responses to the “core reflection questions” in relationship to your own explanations with your instructor.

Day 5:

- Lesson 5: Complete the summative review assessment.
- Lesson 5: Review the questions you answered incorrectly, you found difficult, or offered new insights into the text.
- Lesson 5: Discuss the results of the summative review with your instructor.

Extension Opportunities:

1. Look up the feast day and hymns sung on the feast of St. Polycarp online or in a service book. What are the points of emphasis in the hymns? How do the hymns connect with the text?
2. Do an internet search on St. Polycarp to further expand your understanding of his life and the context in which he lived. You can use the related links provided in the lesson as jumping off points.
3. Do an analysis of the key characters within the narrative of the martyrdom. You may want to write an interview script from the perspective of another character in the story.
4. Build your own quiz in relationship to the text. What points did you think were important to emphasize in writing your questions?
5. Draw a visual or make puppets or figurines presenting the different scenes represented in the text. Then, consider what the key scenes tell us about the unfolding of St. Polycarp’s martyrdom?
6. Create a trivia game to play with your family that centers on the historical facts in the life of St. Polycarp and the time in which he lived.