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Handout 7A

Social Justice Issues

According to the Old Testament prophets, love for God equated with love for neighbor. To “love neighbor” means treating others with justice, fairness, and mercy. Print each passage in the first column. Write a summary that explains the meaning of the passage in the second column.

Passage	Summary
Isaiah 1:17	
Ezekiel 22:3, 7	
Zechariah 7:10	
Malachi 3:5	

Read Matthew 25:31–46. What does Jesus say is our responsibility to social justice?

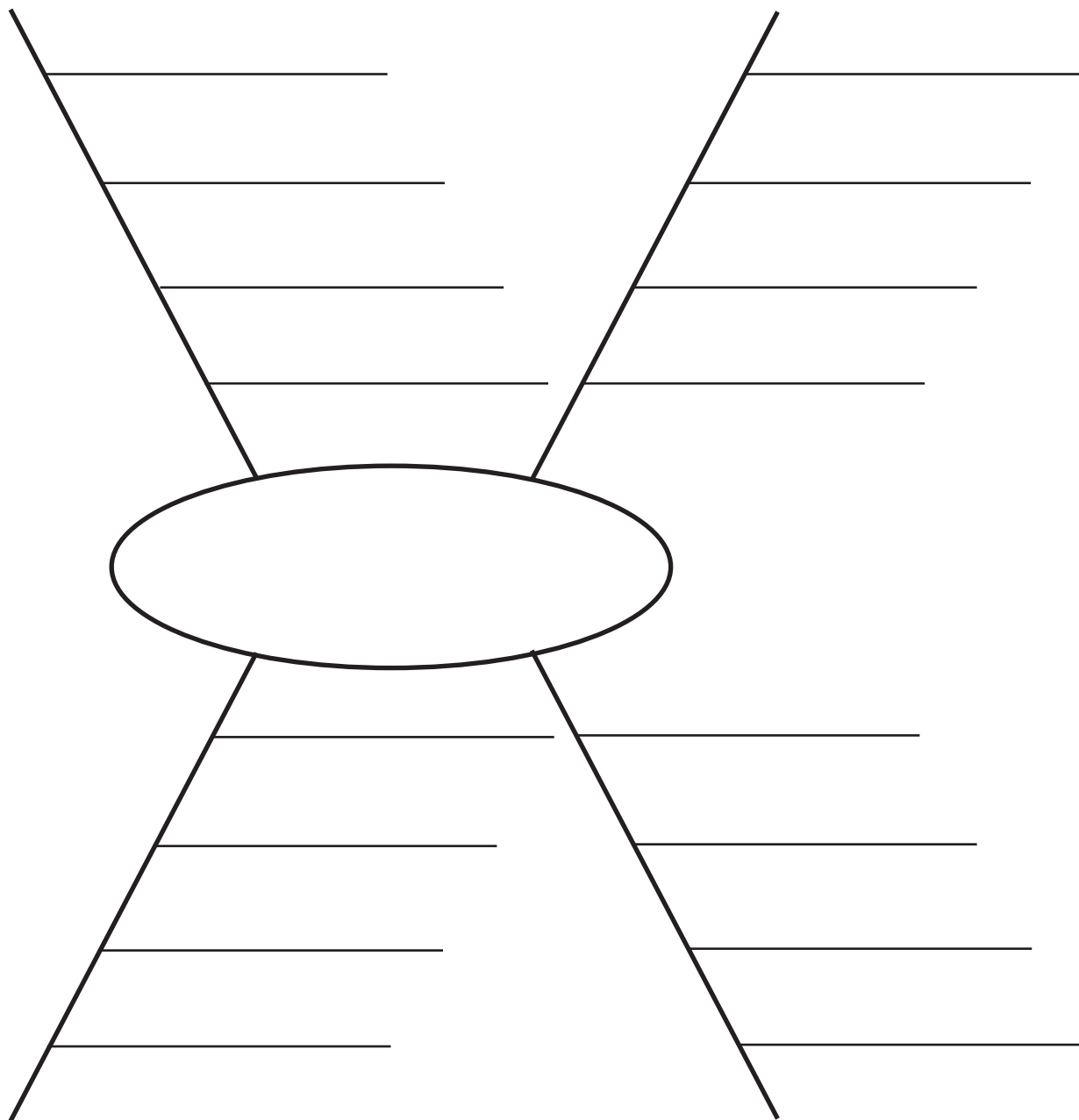
Parallels between Moses, Elijah, and Jesus

Moses	Elijah	Jesus
Climbs Mount Sinai to pray and find God.	Climbs Mount Horeb (the same mountain as Mount Sinai) to pray and find God.	Climbs Mount Tabor (the mountain of transfiguration) to pray. He finds Moses and Elijah in addition to God.
Journeys forty years in the desert.	Journeys forty days and nights before reaching Mount Horeb.	Spends forty days and nights in the desert after his baptism.
Is fed by God with quail and manna.	Is fed by a raven and by an angel.	Is fed by God's angels at the end of his desert temptations.

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Handout 7C

Prophets Spider Diagram



In the middle circle include the words, "The Common Message of the Prophets: _____." Label each of the four arms with the names Elijah, Elisha, Amos, and Hosea.

Main Themes of the Prophets

Prophet	Main Theme
Elijah	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• promoted worship of the one, true God• opposed worship of Baal and challenged pagans to prove the power of their gods
Elisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• like Elijah, asserted incompatibility of paganism and Yahweh worship• challenged the king and political institutions to live morally
Amos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• an unrelenting prophet of judgment and doom• preached repentance• questioned materialistic lifestyle that depended on the poverty of others
Hosea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• portrayed God as loving, compassionate, and forgiving• preached the need for repentance of sins• used human love as metaphor to teach about God's compassion and forgiveness

Contrasting the Prophets

