

The United Methodist Lent Quiz



1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?

- Sacrifice
- Time
- Spring
- March Madness

2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?

- The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
- Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
- Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.

3. Why do people give things up for Lent?

- To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
- To help us focus on prayer and devotions.
- To give the acquired savings to the poor.
- All of the above.

4. What snack food has significance during Lent?

- Chocolate
- Pretzels
- Popcorn
- All of the above.

5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?

- Twice a week
- Twice a month
- Twice a year
- Rarely
- He did not fast.

6. Why does Lent last 40 days?

- To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
- To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
- To remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert.

7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?

- Doxologies
- Alleluia
- "In the Garden"
- The communion liturgy

8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?

- "Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley"
- "Christ Beside Me"
- "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice"
- "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

- True
- False

10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would:

- Repent their sins
- Experience a new birth
- Rededicate themselves to Jesus
- All of the above

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Answers to the United Methodist Lent Quiz



1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?

The correct answer is spring.

2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?

The correct answer is ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.

3. Why do people give things up for Lent?

The correct answer is all of the above.

4. What snack food has significance during Lent?

The correct answer is pretzels.

5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?

The correct answer is twice a week.

6. Why does Lent last 40 days?

The correct answer is to represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.

7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?

The correct answer is alleluia.

8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?

The correct answer is "Christ Beside Me."

9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

The correct answer is True.

10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would...

The correct answer is all of the above.



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