

HI 201 Pioneers of the Faith

Wk. 1: Introduction

1.0 What is a Pioneer?

- 1. A person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation and development by others
- 2. One who is first or among the earliest in any field of inquiry, enterprise, or progress
- 3. One of a group of foot soldiers detailed to make roads, dig entrenchments, etc., in advance of the main body.
- 4. Ecology - an organism that successfully establishes itself in a barren area, thus starting an ecological cycle of life
- 5. To be the first to open or prepare (a way, settlement, etc.)
- 6. To take part in the beginnings of; initiate: to pioneer an aid program
- 7. To lead the way for (a group); guide
- 8. Being the earliest, original, first of a particular kind

2.0 Synonyms

- Leader
- Trailblazer
- Forerunner
- Pathfinder

3.0 Characteristics of Pioneers

- Risk taker
- Visionary
- Influential
- Controversial
- Entrepreneurial
- Inspirational
- Determined

4.0 Pioneers in the Bible

- Adam
- Abraham
- Moses
- Joshua & Caleb
- Rahab
- Samuel
- Saul
- David
- Nehemiah
- John the Baptist
- Jesus Christ