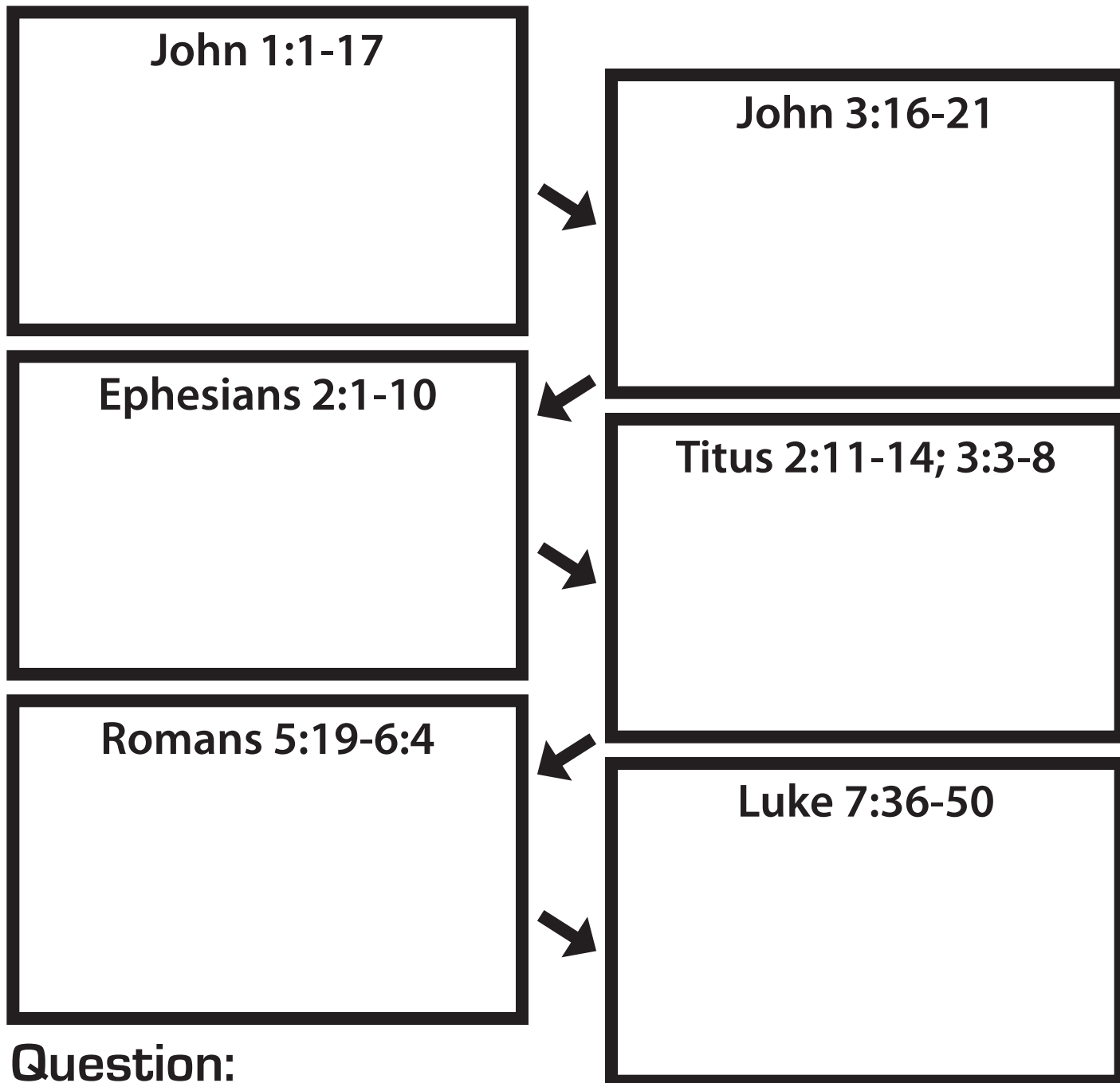


Grace

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." -- John 1:17 (NIV)

Grace = **Charis** (Greek) = "undeserved favor or mercy"



Question:

Read Luke 15:11-32.

Do you tend to think of God as being more like the father or the brother in this story? Which of the two do you identify with?

According to many scholars, James and Galatians were written at about the same time (c. 45-50 AD). This would make them the first two books of the New Testament. Yet on the surface they seem to have nearly opposite messages. Read them back to back and use the questions below in your study.

James

Write down everything you can glean about the recipients of this letter and the problems they were having.

What do you think James wanted to accomplish in writing this letter?

Galatians

Write down everything you can glean about the recipients of this letter and the problems they were having.

What do you think Paul wanted to accomplish in writing this letter?

How do you reconcile the messages of these two letters?

What do you think is their combined message to you?
