The Prophets and their Message.

What was the purpose of the Messengers?
• To Guide us to the path of Allah (S. Nahl:36)
• To warn nations to follow Allah’s commands and give them glad tidings.(S.Faatir:24)
• To teach us knowledge and show us a path to purify ourselves. (S.Baqarah 151)
• To teach us that Obedience will earn paradise. (S.Nisa:13)
• To teach us that disobedience will lead to hell (S.Nisa :14)
• To establish the argument against the people. Those who received this message will not have an excuse of ignorance. (S.Nisa 165)

What was the universal message of the Prophets?
• Tawheed – Belief in One god – La Ilaha Illallah
• Avoid Taghoot – Idol worship and every act of disobedience to Allah
• Inform about the coming of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)
• Warn them about the hereafter, the good of paradise and the bad of hell.

Why should we study about the stories of the Prophets?
• Allah (SWT) says these are the best of stories, that he has revealed to us. (12:3)
• Allah (SWT) has commanded the Prophet(SAW) to relate these stories to the people.
• Allah (SWT) says “They are the ones who are guided, so follow their guidance.”
• Its Allah’s command, so its an Ibaadah – worship. (7:176)
• To study and learn from them.
• To reflect and think about them.
• To have role-models to emulate, imitate and copy.
• To love them – how can we love somebody who we do not know?
• To increase our eeman and our belief that Allah will take us to account.
• To learn from their mistakes and remember how Allah punished them.

What is the difference between a Nabi (Prophet) and a Rasool (Messenger)?

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“All Rasools are Nabees but all Nabees are not Rasools”