



READ & ENJOY

Enjoying God Together by Reading the Bible

VISION

The Bible isn't just any book, it's God speaking to us. This makes the Bible the key book you've got to read to know God and enjoy him. For those who are exploring, the Bible is the best place to hear God in his own words. For followers of Jesus, regularly reading the Bible is essential to trust, live-out, speak, and share the gospel. In 2021, we are inviting everyone at CrossWay to Read & Enjoy, a year-long journey of enjoying God together by reading the Bible.

Three things have to be in place to read the Bible regularly: (1) a plan, (2) a place, and (3) a time. You pick the place and time. It could be in the morning before breakfast or at night before bed, or during your lunch break at work or during the kids' nap in the afternoon. Pick the same time and place that works for at least five days each week.

In the next few pages we give you the plan. It requires reading five days each week, with two days to catch up or dive deeper. The plan is in roughly chronological order, even the Psalms where possible. The Gospels are spaced throughout the year. The plan has two options:

OPTION 1: THE WHOLE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Read through the entire Bible, Genesis to Revelation. Carve out about 20 minutes each day, five days a week. You'll work from when the world was first created all the way to the new creation. This is great for those who are already regular Bible readers or for those who want to dive right into the deep end.

OPTION 2: NEW TESTAMENT AND PSALMS

Read through every New Testament book, Matthew to Revelation, and Psalms. Carve out about 7 minutes per day, five days a week. You'll work through the time of Jesus' birth all the way to when Jesus comes back again. This is great if you're just starting to read the Bible or looking to get back into the habit.

Pick the option that works best for you. Our hope is that reading the Bible together propels you to know and enjoy God while uniting with one another.

BIBLE PLAN

OPTION 1: BLACK & BLUE PASSAGES = WHOLE BIBLE

OPTION 2: BLUE PASSAGES = NEW TESTAMENT & PSALMS

WEEK OF JAN. 3

- Genesis 1-2; Psalm 19; Mark 1
- Gen 3-5; Mark 2
- Gen 6-8; Psalm 104; Mark 3
- Gen 9-11; Mark 4
- Gen 12-15; Psalm 148; Mark 5

WEEK OF JAN. 10

- Genesis 16-18; Mark 6
- Gen 19-20; Psalm 1; Mark 7
- Gen 21-23; Psalm 107; Mark 8
- Gen 24-25; Psalm 4; Mark 9
- Gen 26-27; Mark 10

WEEK OF JAN. 17

- Genesis 28-29; Mark 11
- Gen 30-31; Psalm 11; Mark 12
- Gen 32-34; Psalm 145; Mark 13
- Gen 35-37; Psalm 12; Mark 14
- Gen 38-40; Mark 15

WEEK OF JAN. 24

- Genesis 41-42; Mark 16
- Gen 43-44; Psalm 24; Galatians 1
- Gen 45-46; Psalm 108; Gal 2
- Gen 47-48; Psalm 25; Gal 3
- Gen 49-50; Gal 4

WEEK OF JAN. 31

- Exodus 1-3; Gal 5
- Exodus 4-6; Gal 6
- Exodus 7-9; Psalm 105; Ephesians 1
- Exodus 10-12; Eph 2
- Exodus 13-15; Psalm 114; Eph 3

WEEK OF FEB. 7

- Exodus 16-18; Eph 4
- Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Eph 5
- Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Eph 6
- Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1
- Exodus 28-31; Phil 2

WEEK OF FEB. 14

- Exodus 32-34; Philippians 3
- Exodus 35-37; Psalm 26; Phil 4
- Exodus 38-40; Hebrews 1
- Leviticus 1-3; Psalm 27; Heb 2
- Lev 4-7; Heb 3

WEEK OF FEB. 21

- Leviticus 8-11; Ps 110; Hebrews 4
- Lev 12-14; Psalm 111; Heb 5
- Lev 15-18; Psalm 31; Heb 6
- Lev 19-20; Heb 7
- Lev 21-23; Heb 8

WEEK OF FEB. 28

- Leviticus 24-25; Psalm 81; Hebrews 9
- Lev 26-27; Psalm 112; Heb 10
- Numbers 1-2; Psalm 64; Heb 11
- Num 3-5; Heb 12
- Num 6-7; Heb 13

WEEK OF MAR. 7

- Numbers 8-11; Colossians 1
- Num 12-14; Psalm 28; Col 2
- Num 15-18; Psalm 113; Col 3
- Num 19-21; Col 4
- Num 22-25; Luke 1

WEEK OF MAR. 14

- Numbers 26-29; Luke 2
- Num 30-33; Psalm 35; Luke 3
- Num 34-36; Luke 4
- Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 36; Luke 5
- Deut 4-5; Luke 6

WEEK OF MAR. 21

- Deuteronomy 6-9; Luke 7
- Deut 10-14; Psalm 5; Luke 8
- Deut 15-18; Psalm 115; Luke 9
- Deut 19-22; Psalm 6; Luke 10
- Deut 23-26; Luke 11

WEEK OF MAR. 28

- Deut 27-31; Luke 12
- Deut 32-34; Psalm 13; Luke 13
- Joshua 1-4; Psalm 143; Luke 14
- Joshua 5-8; Psalm 14; Luke 15
- Joshua 9-13; Luke 16

WEEK OF APR. 4

- Joshua 14-17; Luke 17
- Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; Luke 18
- Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; Luke 19
- Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; Luke 20
- Judges 4-6; Luke 21

WEEK OF APR. 11

- Judges 7-8; Luke 22
- Judges 9-11; Psalm 17; Luke 23
- Judges 12-16; Psalm 146; Luke 24
- Judges 17-18; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- Judges 19-21; Acts 2

WEEK OF APR. 18

- Ruth 1-2; Acts 3
- Ruth 3-4; Psalm 37; Acts 4
- I Samuel 1-2; Psalm 120; Acts 5
- I Sam 3-5; Psalm 23; Acts 6
- I Sam 6-8; Acts 7

WEEK OF APR. 25

- I Samuel 9-10; Acts 8
- I Sam 11-13; Psalm 38; Acts 9
- I Sam 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10
- I Sam 15-16; I Chronicles 1; Ps 39; Acts 11
- I Sam 17; I Chr 2; Acts 12

WEEK OF MAY 2

- I Sam 18-19; I Chr 3; Ps 59; Acts 13
- I Sam 20; I Chr 4; Ps 56, 57, 142; Acts 14
- I Sam 21-22; I Chr 5; Ps 52; Acts 15
- I Sam 23-24; I Chr 6; Ps 54; Acts 16
- I Sam 25; I Chr 7; Acts 17

WEEK OF MAY 9

- 1 Sam 26-27; 1 Chr 8; Acts 18
- 1 Sam 28-29; 1 Chr 9; Acts 19
- 1 Sam 30-31; 1 Chr 10; Acts 20
- 2 Samuel 1-2; 1 Chr 11; Ps 96, 106; Acts 21
- 2 Sam 3-5; 1 Chr 12; Ps 122; Acts 22

WEEK OF MAY 16

- 2 Sam 6; 1 Chr 13; Psalm 60; Acts 23
- 1 Chron 14-16; Acts 24
- 2 Sam 7-8; 1 Chr 17; Ps 132; Acts 25
- 2 Sam 9-10; 1 Chr 18-19; Ps 89; Acts 26
- 2 Sa 11-12; 1 Chr 20; Ps 51, 32; Acts 27

WEEK OF MAY 23

- 2 Sam 13-14; Acts 28
- 2 Sam 15-17; Psalm 3, 63; Romans 1
- 2 Sam 18-20; Psalm 34; Romans 2
- 2 Sam 21-23; Psalm 18; Romans 3
- 2 Sam 24; 1 Chr 21; Romans 4

WEEK OF MAY 30

- 1 Chr 22-25; Psalm 78; Romans 5
- 1 Kings 1; 1 Chr 26-28; Romans 6
- 1 Kings 2; 1 Chr 29; Romans 7
- 1 Kings 3; 2 Chr 1; Ps 42; Romans 8
- 1 Kings 4; Prov 1-2; Psalm 43; Romans 9

WEEK OF JUN. 6

- Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10
- Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11
- Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12
- Proverbs 11-13; Ps 8; Romans 13
- Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14

WEEK OF JUN. 13

- Proverbs 16-18; Romans 15
- Proverbs 19-21; Ps 40; Romans 16
- Proverbs 22-23; Ps 117; 1 Thess 1
- Proverbs 24-25; Ps 41; 1 Thess 2
- Proverbs 26-28; 1 Thess 3

WEEK OF JUN. 20

- Proverbs 29-31; 1 Thess 4
- Song of Solomon 1-3; Ps 72; 1 Thess 5
- Song of Sol 4-6; 2 Thess 1
- Song of Sol 7-8; Psalm 127; 2 Thess 2
- 1 Kings 5; 2 Chr 2; 2 Thess 3

WEEK OF JUN. 27

- 1 Kings 6; 2 Chr 3; 1 Timothy 1
- 1 Kings 7; 2 Chr 4; Psalm 44; 1 Tim 2
- 1 Kings 8; Psalm 30; 1 Tim 3
- 2 Chr 5-7; Psalm 121; 1 Tim 4
- 1 Kings 9; 2 Chr 8; 1 Tim 5

WEEK OF JUL. 4

- 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chr 9; 1 Tim 6
- Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 45; 2 Tim 1
- Eccl 4-6; Psalm 125; 2 Tim 2
- Eccl 7-9; Psalm 46; 2 Tim 3
- Eccl 10-12; 2 Tim 4

WEEK OF JUL. 11

- 1 Kings 12; 2 Chr 10-11; Titus 1
- 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 12; Ps 47; Titus 2
- 1 Kings 15; 2 Chr 13-14; Titus 3
- 2 Chr 15-16; 1 Kings 16; Philemon
- 1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 119; Jude

WEEK OF JUL. 18

- 1 Kin 19-21; 2 Chr 17; Ps 129; Matt 1
- 1 Kings 22; 2 Chr 18; Matt 2
- 2 Chr 19-20; 2 Kings 1; Psalm 20; Matt 3
- 2 Kings 2-3; Psalm 48; Matt 4
- 2 Kings 4-6; Matt 5

WEEK OF JUL. 25

- 2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chr 21; Matt 6
- 2 Kings 9-10; Psalm 49; Matt 7
- 2 Chr 22-23; 2 Kings 11; Ps 131; Matt 8
- 2 Chr 24; 2 Kings 12; Psalm 50; Matt 9
- Joel; Matt 10

WEEK OF AUG. 1

- Jonah; Matt 11
- 2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 25; Ps 53; Matt 12
- Amos 1-3; Matt 13
- Amos 4-6; Psalm 55; Matt 14
- Amos 7-9; Matt 15

WEEK OF AUG. 8

- Hosea 1-3; Matt 16
- Hosea 4-6; Psalm 58; Matt 17
- Hosea 7-10; Matt 18
- Hosea 11-13; Matt 19
- Hosea 14; 2 Chr 26-27; Ps 61; Matt 20

WEEK OF AUG. 15

- 2 Kings 15-16; Matt 21
- Isaiah 1-3; Psalm 9; Matt 22
- Isaiah 4-6; Matt 23
- Micah 1-4; Psalm 10; Matt 24
- Micah 5-7; Matt 25

WEEK OF AUG. 22

- Isaiah 7-10; Psalm 22; Matt 26
- Isa 11-13; Psalm 118; Matt 27
- Isa 14-16; Matt 28
- Isa 17-19; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 1
- Isa 20-22; 1 Cor 2

WEEK OF AUG. 29

- Isaiah 23-25; 1 Cor 3
- Isa 26-29; Psalm 65; 1 Cor 4
- Isa 30-32; 1 Cor 5
- Isa 33-35; 1 Cor 6
- 2 Chr 28; 2 Kings 17; Psalm 66; 1 Cor 7

WEEK OF SEP. 5

- 2 Chr 29-31; 1 Cor 8
- 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chr 32; Ps 67; 1 Cor 9
- Isa 36-37; Psalm 123; 1 Cor 10
- 2 Kings 20; Isa 38-40; Ps 68; 1 Cor 11
- Isa 41-44; 1 Cor 12

WEEK OF SEP. 12

- Isa 45-48; 1 Cor 13
- Isa 49-52; Psalm 69; 1 Cor 14
- Isa 53-55; Psalm 128; 1 Cor 15
- Isa 56-59; Psalm 70; 1 Cor 16
- Isa 60-63; 2 Corinthians 1

WEEK OF SEP. 19

- Isa 64-66; 2 Cor 2
- 2 Kings 21; 2 Chr 33; Ps 71; 2 Cor 3
- Nahum; Psalm 149; 2 Cor 4
- 2 Kings 22-23; Psalm 73; 2 Cor 5
- 2 Chr 34-35; 2 Cor 6

WEEK OF SEP. 26

- Habakkuk; 2 Cor 7
- Zephaniah; Psalm 74; 2 Cor 8
- Jeremiah 1-4; Psalm 130; 2 Cor 9
- Jer 5-7; Psalm 75; 2 Cor 10
- Jer 8-10; 2 Cor 11

WEEK OF OCT. 3

- Jer 11-13; 2 Cor 12
- Jer 14-16; Psalm 76; 2 Cor 13
- Jer 17-20; James 1
- Jer 22, 23, 26; Psalm 77; James 2
- Jer 25, 35, 36, 45; Ps 133; James 3

WEEK OF OCT. 10

- Jer 27, 28, 29, 24; James 4
- Jer 37, 21, 34; Psalm 79; James 5
- Jer 30-33; 1 Peter 1
- Jer 38, 39, 52; 1 Pet 2
- 2 Kin 24-25; 2 Chr 36; Ps 126; 1 Pet 3

WEEK OF OCT. 17

- Lamentations; Psalm 137; 1 Peter 4
- Obadiah; Jer 40-42; Ps 147; 1 Pet 5
- Jer 43, 44, 46; 2 Pet 1
- Jer 47, 48, 49; Ps 80; 2 Pet 2
- Jer 50-51; 2 Pet 3

WEEK OF OCT. 24

- Ezekiel 1-3; John 1
- Ezek 4-6; Psalm 82; John 2
- Ezek 7-9; John 3
- Ezek 10-12; Psalm 83; John 4
- Ezek 13-15; Psalm 136; John 5

WEEK OF OCT. 31

- Ezekiel 16-18; John 6
- Ezek 19-21; Psalm 84; John 7
- Ezek 22-24; Psalm 134; John 8
- Ezek 25-27; Psalm 85; John 9
- Ezek 28-30; John 10

WEEK OF NOV. 7

- Ezekiel 31-33; John 11
- Ezek 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12
- Ezek 37-39; Psalm 87; John 13
- Ezek 40-42; John 14
- Ezek 43-45; Psalm 135; John 15

WEEK OF NOV. 14

- Ezekiel 46-48; John 16
- Daniel 1-3; Psalm 88; John 17
- Dan 4-6; John 18
- Dan 7-9; Psalm 91; John 19
- Dan 10-12; John 20

WEEK OF NOV. 21

- Ezra 1-2; John 21
- Ezra 3-4; Psalm 92; 1 John 1
- Haggai; Zechariah 1; Ps 138; 1 John 2
- Zech 2-5; Psalm 93; 1 John 3
- Zech 6-8; 1 John 4

WEEK OF NOV. 28

- Zech 9-11; 1 John 5
- Zech 12-14; Psalm 94; 2 John
- Ezra 5-6; Psalm 95; 3 John
- Esther 1-3; Psalm 139; Revelation 1
- Esther 4-6; Rev 2

WEEK OF DEC. 5

- Esther 7-10; Revelation 3
- Ezra 7-10; Psalm 97; Rev 4
- Nehemiah 1-3; Rev 5
- Neh 4-6; Psalm 98; Rev 6
- Neh 7-9; Psalm 140; Rev 7

WEEK OF DEC. 12

- Neh 10-13; Revelation 8
- Malachi; Psalm 2; Rev 9
- Job 1-3; Psalm 29; Rev 10
- Job 4-7; Psalm 99; Rev 11
- Job 8-11; Rev 12

WEEK OF DEC. 19

- Job 12-14; Psalm 100; Rev 13
- Job 15-17; Rev 14
- Job 18-20; Psalm 141; Rev 15
- Job 21-23; Psalm 101; Rev 16
- Job 24-27; Rev 17

WEEK OF DEC. 26

- Job 28-30; Revelation 18
- Job 31-33; Psalm 102; Rev 19
- Job 34-36; Rev 20
- Job 37-39; Psalm 103; Rev 21
- Job 40-42; Psalm 150; Rev 22

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DIVING DEEPER

You've got a plan, place, and time all figured out. Now let's make the most of it. As you read the Bible, find a way to interact with what you're reading. Make marks in your Bible along the following lines:



LIGHT BULB

Highlight passages that stand out to you. It could be something that “shines” from the passage – a new insight, an encouragement, a precious promise to trust, a convicting command to live-out, etc.



QUESTION MARK

Place a question mark next to passages that you don't understand, that you find confusing or even troubling. As these come up, ask God then others around you for help understanding.



ARROW

Something that connects to your life, especially a point of application or response. Is there a promise to believe? A command to follow? A moment to just enjoy God? An area of sin that calls for repentance?

If you want to go one step farther, make daily journal entries of something you want to remember. Close your time by praying about what you read. Remember, this journey is ultimately about enjoying God more by reading the Bible.

With Others

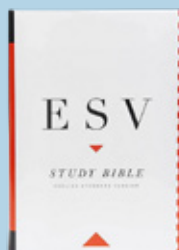
As you explore the Bible, speak about it with others. Find opportunities to encourage and/or challenge believers with what you're reading. And, be bold to share with unbelievers what God is teaching you through the Bible.

For Families

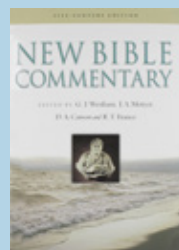
The Bible reading plan is a great way for families to connect around the Bible. Gather the family and read one passage from the plan. Then, consider asking if anyone had a light bulb, question, or arrow from the passage. Pray together at the end.

Additional Resources

There are tons of resources out there as you read the Bible. Most importantly, read the Bible and ask God to help you understand. If you'd like some other resources, we recommend:



ESV Study Bible
great notes on every passage.
The book introductions and graphics are especially helpful.



The New Bible Commentary
a deeper dive into every passage



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