

52 READINGS

TRACK 1



INSPIRED BY MULTIPLE PLANS, BOOKS, AND PEOPLE

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ABOUT TRACK 1



FOR NEW & MATURE CHRISTIANS ALIKE

As a brand new Christian, we often don't know where to begin when it comes to reading the Bible. We know that we are supposed to read, understand, and enjoy it, but we don't know how to start. This might be because it seems like such a laborious task.

However, Track 1 of the Legacy Church Bible Reading Plan for 2022 is meant to help new Christians with gaining a greater understanding of the overarching narrative of the Bible. This track will help you manage the Bible by reading highlights of God's story and redemption of His people.

This track isn't just for new Christians, though. This particular plan is also for Christians who are wanting a change in their routine. This is because Track 1 of the Legacy Church Bible Reading Plan incorporates 52 readings of Scripture to help teach (or remind) you of the big picture of the Bible.

Following the Reading Plan's "Reading Timeline", are helpful activities and ideas to incorporate your reading into your life. It is our prayer that you would find this plan beneficial.

READING TIMELINE

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU WILL FIND THE THEME, VERSES, AND READING DATES NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS READING PLAN. BECAUSE THIS PLAN DOES NOT INCORPORATE EVERY VERSE OF SCRIPTURE, YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF NEEDING EXTRA HELP TO SITUATE YOURSELF IN THE PROPER BIBLICAL CONTEXT. IN ORDER TO DO THAT, UTILIZE A GOOD STUDY BIBLE, ONLINE COMMENTARY (SUCH AS BLUE LETTER BIBLE), AND/OR ADDITIONAL BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS TO HELP YOU GAIN GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND CLARITY. WE PRAY THIS IS A JOYFUL EXPERIENCE.

| THEME | VERSES | READING DATES |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Creation | Genesis 1:1-2:24 | January 2-8 |
| Fall of Humanity | Genesis 3:1-22 | January 9-15 |
| God Calls A People His Own Pt. 1 | Genesis 12:1-20 | January 16-22 |
| God Calls A People His Own Pt. 2 | Genesis 15:1-21 | January 23-29 |
| God Calls A People His Own Pt. 3 | Genesis 49:1-50:26 | January 30-February 5 |
| Moses | Exodus 1:1-3:22 | February 6-12 |
| The Exodus | Exodus 11:1-13:22 | February 13-19 |
| 10 Commandments | Exodus 20:1-26 | February 20-26 |
| Obedience Comes From Love | Deuteronomy 6:1-7:26 | February 27-March 5 |
| Disobedient Cycles | Judges 1:1-2:23 | March 6-12 |
| Israel Demands a King | 1 Samuel 7-9 | March 13-19 |
| The Fall of Saul & Rise of David | 1 Samuel 15-17 | March 20-26 |
| How to Respond to Hard Times Pt. 1 | Job 1:1-2:13 | March 27-April 2 |
| How to Respond to Hard Times Pt. 2 | Job 38:1-42:17 | April 3-9 |
| Psalms that Enrich Your Soul | Psalms 1, 23, 139 | April 10-16 |
| Psalms for the Suffering & Sinful | Psalms 6, 38, 51 | April 17-23 |
| Wisdom for Everyday Life | Proverbs 3, 16 | April 24-30 |

| THEME | VERSES | READING DATES |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Israel's Sin Against God Pt. 1 | Ezekiel 18:1-32 | May 1-7 |
| Israel's Sin Against God Pt. 2 | Ezekiel 20:5-26 | May 8-14 |
| Jesus, the Promised King Pt. 1 | Jeremiah 23:1-6 | May 15-21 |
| Jesus, the Promised King Pt. 2 | Isaiah 9:6-7, 53:1-12 | May 22-28 |
| Jesus, the Promised King Pt. 3 | Zechariah 9:1-7 | May 29-June 4 |
| God Became Man Pt. 1 | John 1:1-18 | June 5-11 |
| God Became Man Pt. 2 | Luke 2:1-52 | June 12-18 |
| Signs & Miracles of Authority Pt. 1 | Matthew 8:1-9:38 | June 19-25 |
| Signs & Miracles of Authority Pt. 2 | Luke 13:10-17 | June 26-July 2 |
| Jesus Fulfills the Law | Matthew 5:1-7:29 | July 3-9 |
| Jesus Teaches About New Life | John 3:1-4:54 | July 10-16 |
| Jesus Willingly Taken | John 18:1-19:42 | July 17-23 |
| Jesus' Death & Resurrection Pt. 1 | Matthew 26:1-28:20 | July 24-30 |
| Jesus' Death & Resurrection Pt. 2 | Luke 23:1-24:53 | July 31-August 6 |
| Jesus, our Savior | Hebrews 3:1-4:16 | August 7-13 |
| Jesus, the Final Sacrifice | Hebrews 8:1-10:39 | August 14-20 |
| Humanity's Sinfulness Exposed | Romans 1:1-3:31 | August 21-27 |
| God's Grace in Christ Jesus | Romans 4:1-5:21 | August 28-September 3 |
| We Battle Sin by the Spirit Pt. 1 | Romans 6:1-8:39 | September 4-10 |
| We Battle Sin by the Spirit Pt. 2 | Galatians 5:16-26 | September 11-17 |
| Living a Life of Worship | Romans 12:1-13:14 | September 18-24 |

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| New Life in Christ Pt. 1 | Ephesians 1:1-2:22 | September 25-October 1 |
| New Life in Christ Pt. 2 | Ephesians 3:1-4:3 | October 2-8 |
| New Life in Christ Pt. 3 | Ephesians 5:1-6:24 | October 9-15 |
| Living Out A Life of Faith Pt. 1 | James 1:1-27 | October 16-22 |
| Living Out A Life of Faith Pt. 2 | James 2:1-26 | October 23-29 |
| Living Out A Life of Faith Pt. 3 | James 3:1-18 | October 30-November 5 |
| Living Out A Life of Faith Pt. 4 | James 4:1-17 | November 6-12 |
| Living Out A Life of Faith Pt. 5 | James 5:1-20 | November 13-19 |
| Walk in the Light of God's Truth | 1 John 1:1-2:29 | November 20-26 |
| Love One Another | 1 John 3:1-5:21 | November 27-December 3 |
| Promise of Eternity Pt. 1 | Revelation 19:1-21 | December 4-10 |
| Promise of Eternity Pt. 2 | Revelation 20:1-15 | December 11-17 |
| Promise of Eternity Pt. 3 | Revelation 21:1-27 | December 18-24 |
| Promise of Eternity Pt. 4 | Revelation 22:1-21 | December 25-31 |

HOW TO READ YOUR BIBLE



For many people, reading the Bible feels overwhelming. That is why we have created this handy sheet to walk you through the five simple steps of Bible reading and study. Do not let the number "five" fool you, these are not lengthy or difficult steps. Instead, they are simple and freeing steps that will help anyone seeking to read and know the Bible better. So let's jump in.

Step 1 - Pray

Now, this may seem like an obvious step to you, but to many people, they forget that the task at hand (reading their Bible) is a spiritual activity that requires illumination by the Holy Spirit and the grace of God to help us understand. So once you have your Bible (and maybe a notebook and pen) in hand, settle yourself and ask God to give you wisdom and understanding as you read His Word. Ask that He would help you be mindful of what is being said and revealed in the section that you are reading.

Step 2 - Read

After praying, simply start reading the passage. Don't rush through it, just take your time so that you can get a basic understanding of what is going on, the Big Picture if you will.

Nota Bene: There are many types of genres in the Bible and knowing what type you are reading is very helpful. Included at the back of this packet is a page that outlines the basic genres and the books that belong in each category.

Step 3 - Observe

After your initial reading, go back to the passage and make observations of what stands out. This could happen by reading the passage again or by making your initial observations in the first reading. Some of the things that you can observe and make note of are -

Things that are **alike or opposites**

Things that are **emphasized**

Things that are **related**

Things that are **repeated**

Things that are **true to life**

Step 4 - Interpret

Now that you have read the passage and made your observations, begin interpreting the passage for its meaning. Be careful not to assume too much, nor interpret everything through your 21st century experience. In order to minimize such actions, remember to keep the **5 Cs** in mind at all times.

Context | Culture | Content | Comparison | Consultation*

Consultation means that you can consult other parts of Scripture, as well as commentaries and reputable online resources such as Blue Letter Bible or Logos Bible Software.

Step 5 - Apply

Now that you have prayed, read, observed, and interpreted the Word of God, it is now time to apply it to your life. Remember, the goal of reading the Bible is not about mere *information* but about **transformation**. Some of the questions you can ask in applying the Scriptures are:

How does this help me worship God?

Is there something I have learned about myself through this passage?

Is there a sin that has been revealed to me that I need to confess and repent of?

How does this help me love my family/neighbor/coworkers better?

These questions are not the only ones that you can ask to apply, but they set you in a good direction. The more you study, the more you will develop greater questions to help you apply Scripture to your life. And the Spirit is just in helping you apply it as well.

Please remember, if you have any questions, your pastors would love to sit down with you and help you learn and grow. Please reach out to them for help, encouragement, and counsel in reading your Bible and growing as a Christian.

GENRES OF THE BIBLE

Pentateuch (The Law)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

OT History

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 & 2 Samuel
1 & 2 Kings
1 & 2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Wisdom

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Gospels

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

NT History

Acts

Pauline Epistles

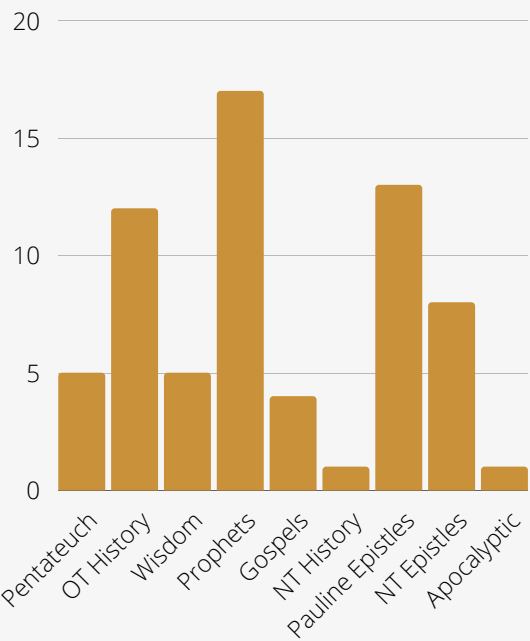
Romans
1 & 2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 & 2 Thessalonians
1 & 2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

NT Epistles

Hebrews
James
1 & 2 Peter
1, 2, & 3 John
Jude

Apocalyptic

Revelation



BIBLE READING PLAN | ACTIVITIES & IDEAS

Track 1 of the Legacy Church Bible Reading Plan is meant to be easy and accessible. It can be used by new Christians, not-yet Christians (people looking for faith but not yet there), and by mature Christians who are looking for a new schedule or routine for their Bible reading. Reading the weekly passages is all that is "required" for this plan. Yet, you might find yourself wanting to do a little more or to challenge yourself in a new way. The following pages offer additional activities.

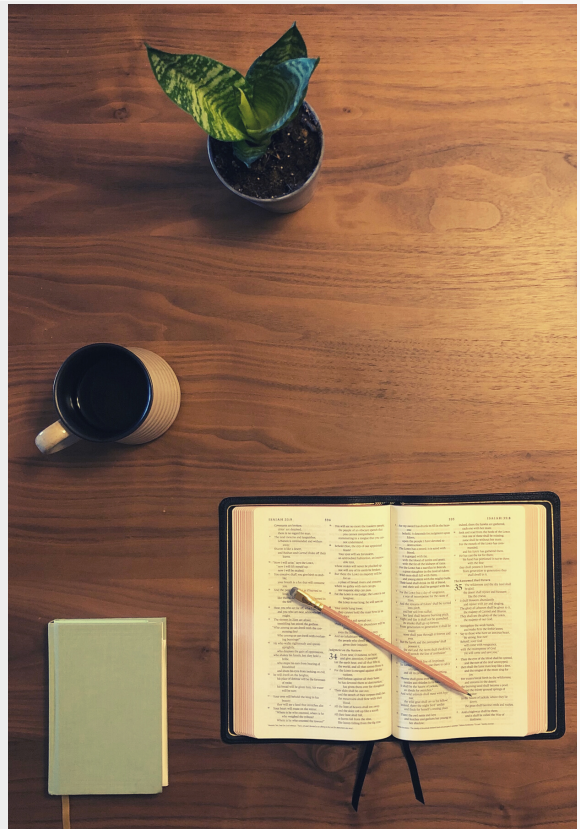
If at any time during the course of the year, you have questions, concerns, or want new ideas, please reach out to the pastors and we will be happy to help.

JOURNALING

One of the most popular spiritual activities is to journal. It is a practice that is easily picked up, and one that needs only paper and a pen. When it comes to journaling during your Bible Reading Plan, you can do it one of several ways.

Journal about what you learned.
Journal about what you are thankful for.
Journal a prayer as a result of your reading.
Journal a verse(s) that stood out to you.
Journal a record of God's work in your life.

There is no wrong way to journal. It is a practice that can enliven and enrich your knowledge, experience, and transformation as you walk with Jesus through the next year.



VERSE MEMORIZATION

Memorizing a verse(s) of the Bible is a great way to help you learn and apply the truth of Scripture. There are many apps and books available to you if you would like more information. For the purpose of this reading plan, we wanted to provide you with a simple method of verse memorization.

As you read through this Bible Reading Plan, we encourage you to find verses that stand out to you and seek to memorize them. Some people have memorized whole chapters, even books of the Bible. This practice gives you freedom and flexibility so that you can choose what to memorize.

For this example, we will use Psalm 119:11.

Step 1 - Write out the whole verse and reference. Read through it several times.

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." -Psalm 119:11

Step 2 - Write the verse out, this time omitting several words that will require you to fill in the blanks when you recite it.

"I have _____ up your _____ in my _____, that I might not _____ against _____." -_____ 119:11

Step 3 - Similar to Step 2, omit even more words so that memory serves to fill in the blanks.

"I _____ up _____ in _____, _____ I _____ not _____." -_____ :_____

At this point, you should know the verse well and can recite it from memory. This is a great activity to invite others along and memorize a verse collectively.



PRAYING SCRIPTURE

There are 650 prayers recorded in the Bible. 25 of Jesus' prayers are found in Scripture from His earthly ministry. The Apostle Paul mentions prayer 41 times in his letters to the Church. It should go without saying, prayer is important in the life of the Christian.

But oftentimes, we feel like we are at a loss for words. Prayer does not always seem easy and yet God desires and welcomes our prayers. If that is true, how then can we improve our experience and desire for prayer?

The best way to do that is to pray the words of Scripture. For example, if you have a friend named Henrietta, you could pray Psalm 139:13-14 like this -

For You formed Henrietta's inward parts; You knitted Henrietta together in her mother's womb. Henrietta praises You, for Henrietta is fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; Henrietta's soul knows it very well.

Though it might feel clunky at times to pray like this, it will help give you the words to pray. Furthermore, it will improve your memory and understanding of the Bible.

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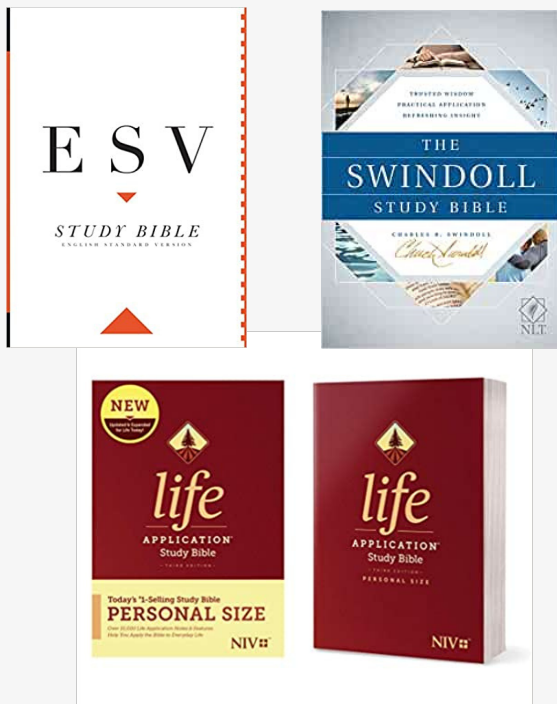
If you find yourself overwhelmed with the amount of material out there that can help a person study the Bible, you are not alone.

Finding resources can be as time consuming as studying the Bible. Here are a few resources that have been used in the past.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to the pastors anytime.

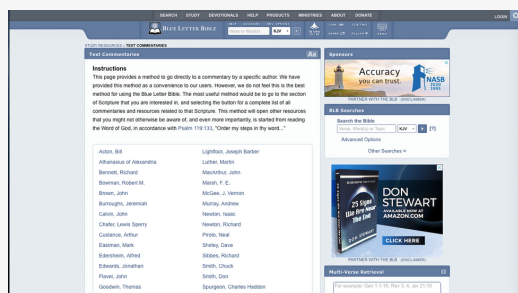
Study Bibles

ESV Study Bible & Chuck Swindoll Study Bible (NLT) & Life Application Study Bible



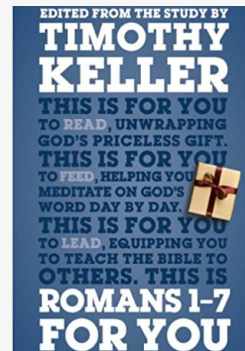
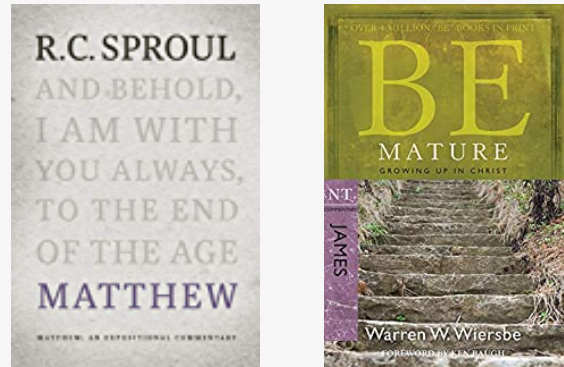
Free Online Resources

BlueLetterBible.org



Commentaries

R.C. Sproul's Commentaries & Warren Wiersbe's Be Series & For You Expository Guides



Bible Studies

John Stott's Studies & Crossway's Books of the Bible Studies

