



MAY

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to May's Reading Plan. Jesus *"opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures"* (Lk 24:45). Our prayer is that you would gain understanding as a result of God opening your mind as you read His word & apply it to your life & the church."

Sunday, May 1st | Daniel "A Forever Kingdom" Daniel 12

- [2] Dan 12:1-4 | How can the victory described in these verses & the messenger's description of the resurrection encourage you during times of tribulation & persecution?
- [3] Dan 12:1-4; Mt 24:15-22; Mk 13:19, 20; Lk 21:5-36 | Jesus spoke about a coming time when suffering would be intensified for God's people. Review His teaching in the Gospels. What parallels do you see?
- [4] Dan 12:4; Amos 8:12; Rom 1:25; 2 Thes 2:11 | How is the futile search for increased knowledge, reflected in these verses, seen in our world today? Give examples.
- [5] Dan 12:5-13; Dt 29:29 | Daniel was told to go on with his life even though he didn't fully understand all that he had been told. Describe a time when you had to trust God even though you didn't understand what He was doing in your life.
- [6] Dan 12:13; 2 Pet 3:11; Mt 25:21 | According to these verses, how are we to live? In what area of your life is God calling you to be more faithful? Take time to talk with the Lord, repenting of your unfaithfulness & asking Him for His strength in that area.
- [7] Pray for opportunities to glorify God this week by sharing Jesus with those you rub shoulders with each day.

Sunday, May 8th | Mother's Day Daniel Recap

- [9] Dan 1 & 2 | What about the character of God has strengthened you most spiritually in the study of Daniel? How has this helped you worship & trust God more fully? Ask God to deepen your trust in His ultimate authority & watchful care over you.
- [10] Dan 3 & 4 | One major theme for the book of Daniel is that God controls the past, present, & future. How does this truth affect how you live your life, especially in the midst of an uncertain world?
- [11] Dan 5 & 6 | As you review the book of Daniel, pick out 1 or 2 verses that you will seek to memorize so you have them available in your heart & mind for the Holy Spirit to use.
- [12] Dan 7 & 8 | What is one thing that you learned from the book of Daniel that you already have or want to put into practice?
- [13] Dan 9 & 10; Rom 15:4 | How has the book of Daniel given you patience & perseverance as well as comfort & encouragement?
- [14] Dan 11 & 12 | What are the key themes about God & His Word that you see in Daniel? What have you learned that would lead you to praise God, turn away from sin, or trust more deeply in His promises?

Sunday, May 15th | "Ambassadors" 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

- [16] 2 Cor 5:20-21; Mt 5:16 | What is an ambassador? What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?
- [17] 2 Cor 5:14 | What is the key to Paul's passion to live for Christ & to share the Good News with others? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His love & pray for an increased awareness of His love for people.
- [18] 2 Cor 5:18-19; Eph 2:10 | God has created you with a unique personality & skill set. You are uniquely positioned to bring His message in a way that no one else can? As an ambassador, what message do you carry?
- [19] 2 Cor 5:20; Lk 19:10 | Spend some time praying for those in your life that do not yet know Jesus. What are some of the opportunities you have in your life to share this message?
- [20] An embassy is a tiny piece of the home country on foreign soil of which the ambassador has control. Think of your home as an embassy, both for your family & for others. What are some ways that you can use your home to honor Christ? What are some ways your home can be a refuge for your family, your neighbors & your community?
- [21] 2 Cor 5:17; Heb 10:24-25; 1 Thes 5:11 | What are some of the things you love about the Christian community of which you are a part? Spend some time praying for those in your group. Are there opportunities you can take to disciple others or be disciplined yourself?

Sunday, May 22nd | "Ambassadors"

- [23] Philem 6 | How is the sharing of your faith a benefit to you? Take time to thank God for the good things you have in Christ.
- [24] 1 Pet 3:15 | Are you available to neighbors & friends to give an answer for the hope you have in Jesus? Is your home open for anyone who might need a listening ear? How can you communicate that to those around you? Ask God who you can encourage today.
- [25] 1 Thes 2:8; Heb 13:2 | Why is it important to share our lives, our selves, when we share the Gospel? What are some ways you can share yourself this week?
- [26] Mt 5:16 | How does this verse relate to the subject of being an Ambassador for Christ? What are ways that you can live as light in the darkness around you?
- [27] Mt 6:3; Phil 4:19; Ps 37:25 | An ambassador is paid by the sending country, not the host country. Do you believe that you are sent by God & do you trust that He will provide all you need for building His Kingdom?
- [28] Who are 3 people that you rub shoulders with on a daily basis, that you can begin praying that God provides an opportunity for you to share the Gospel with?