



John MacArthur's Bible Reading Plan

As a new believer one of the first goals you should have is to read through the entire Bible. There are many different reading plans out there (just Google bible reading plans). I have found that it is a matter of finding the right one that works for you. One plan I have found that is a little different from the rest is a plan from Pastor John MacArthur. The basic idea behind the plan is to read to remember.

The Plan

Read through the Old Testament straight through at least once a year. About three chapters a day should get you there. It's

nice to keep a notebook or journal of questions you have or truths you learn. Also, just to record where you left off. When it comes to the New Testament do something different. Read one book at a time repetitiously for a month or more. This will help you remember what you read. A good place to start would be with a shorter book, like the book of 1 John. Read through the entire book of 1 John for 30 days. As you follow this plan, start to record the major themes of the book and chapters. By the end of the 30 days you will know the book of 1 John very well. Think about it. With a standard read through the bible in a year program, you would be reading through 1 John once a year. With this plan, in 30 days you have done the equivalent of 30 years of reading in 1 John! And, because it was repetitive, you will remember it. For longer books, divide them into shorter sections and read each section for 30 days.

For example, The Gospel of John contains 21 chapters. Divide it into sections of seven and read each section for 30 days. You may want to alternate shorter and longer books for a greater variety.

Conclusion

Don't get discouraged if you don't follow this plan perfectly. You probably won't and it's ok. This is why it's important to keep a notebook of where you left off. You may even find a modification of this plan works better for you. Following this plan will get you through the entire New Testament in less than three years. Remember, the goal is not speed but retention.