

COVER TO COVER

THE BIBLE IN 10 MINUTES, 5 DAYS PER WEEK



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We created this plan to capture the **highlights** of Scripture over the 22 weeks of the “Cover to Cover” sermon series. While this plan will not cover everything, it will give you a holistic perspective on the story of the Bible and what that means for your life today. Week 11 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

WEEK 11

Welcome to week eleven of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. In week ten, we dove into the second half of 1 Samuel, which records the account of David, who would ultimately become Israel’s second king. We also looked at the contrast between Saul and David. In Week 11, we will continue following the story of David as we explore the book of 2 Samuel. This book captures David’s journey from being a humble shepherd boy to becoming God’s chosen King of Israel. To conclude this week’s study, we will also delve into some of the Psalms written by David at different points in his life.

DAY 1 Chapters 2, 5, and 6 of 2 Samuel record the account of David’s rise to becoming King of Israel and uniting the Kingdom. Chapter six records an important moment where David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, but did not handle it the way God had asked them to in Numbers Chapter 4. The result was disastrous. David went above and beyond to honor God in his second attempt to bring the Ark to Jerusalem. Today, **read 2 Samuel 2, 5, and 6.**

DAY 2 Chapters 7-9 of 2 Samuel are pivotal in the story of Scripture. The entire rest of the Bible rests upon God’s promise to David in Chapter 7. Today, **read 2 Samuel 7-9.**

DAY 3 Unlike the good news of the promise in Chapter 7, Chapters 11-12 of 2 Samuel capture one of David’s lowest points as a leader. Now that the Kingdom was settled, David turned his passion toward things he should not have. This decision was the first of many that would ultimately plague him throughout the rest of his life. Today, **read 2 Samuel 11-12.**

DAY 4 Today, we fast-forward through David’s story. Throughout the rest of his reign, David’s sin deeply impacted his family. His family members became trapped in patterns of deceit and betrayal. However, the ending of 2 Samuel demonstrates God’s mercy amid David’s mess. God spared Jerusalem, and David learned his lesson. Today, **read 2 Samuel 22-24.**

DAY 5 With the book of 2 Samuel complete, today we will focus on another facet of King David. David was a psalmist who wrote many of the Hebrew people's Psalms, or sacred songs, recorded in the Bible. Today, read the lyrics to four songs written by David: **Psalm 23, 51, 103, and 139**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that struck you or sticks out to you from this week's sermon?
2. 1 Samuel 16:7 says, "The Lord looks at the heart." What do you think God saw in David's heart that made him choose David? How does this perspective challenge the way people judge each other?
3. How does God's forgiveness and grace manifest in David's story despite his failures? What does this teach us about God's character?
4. How would you define humility based on David's life story? Why is humility essential in our relationship with God, and what are practical ways to cultivate humility in our daily lives?
5. Reflect on your own life: In what ways do you see yourself in David's story? Which areas of your life are currently aligned with God's heart, and which areas of your life need more alignment with God's heart?

READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN 6 MONTHS!

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