

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 2 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

WEEK 2

Hello and welcome to week two of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan! We hope week one was an opportunity to reflect on the importance of Scripture and what it means for your life today. This week we look at the beginning of the Bible. This week we will read about the beauty of Creation and the devastation sin brought into Creation, including its effects on humanity’s relationship with God as experienced in Adam’s family, Noah and the flood, and the Tower of Babel.

DAY 1 The first two chapters of Genesis capture two complementary accounts of Creation. The first account is a 30,000-foot view of the beginning of life and time. The second is a much closer look at God’s Creation of people and his connection to them. **Read Genesis 1-2** and reflect on both accounts.

DAY 2 Chapter 3 of Genesis continues the Creation story by describing how sin came into the world and changed everything, including our relationship with God. **Read Genesis 3** today and reflect on the effects of sin that still impact us today.

DAY 3 Chapters 4 and 5 of Genesis give us a picture of Adam’s lineage leading up to Noah. Chapter 4 gives us a poignant picture of the impact of sin on human relationships. **Read Genesis 4-5** today and reflect on the effects of sin on your relationships.

DAY 4 Chapters 6-9 of Genesis capture the account of the flood and God’s covenant with Noah. While this is a tough passage to read, it is a reminder that God takes seriously restoring the goodness of his Creation. In these chapters we see God set up Noah as a new Adam. **Read Genesis 6-9** today and reflect on God’s desire to restore Creation. This is a theme that is carried throughout the story of Scripture.

DAY 5 Chapter 11 of Genesis is a pivotal point in God's story with humanity. In the first 9 verses we once again see humanity rebelling against God. God's response is to confuse their language and force them to spread out throughout his creation. In the end of this chapter we meet Abram, the man whom God would develop a relationship with that would ultimately lead to the redemption of his relationship with all people, including us. **Read Genesis 11** today and reflect on all that you have read this week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something from this week's sermon that caught your attention or left an impression on you?
2. Reflecting on the overall message, what aspects of Genesis 1-11 stood out to you the most and how might they shape your understanding of God and humanity?
3. Jodi Owens said that Genesis 1-11 makes us homesick for the perfectly designed original creation of the world. What qualities in Genesis 1-11 do you wish were true of the world we live in today?
4. Jodi Owens said, *"Every time God 'sees' or 'takes,' the result is blessings and thriving and joy. When the humans 'see' and 'take,' the result is disaster and suffering."* What are examples of humans "seeing" and "taking" that has led to disaster and suffering?
5. How is Genesis 1-11 significant in light of communion and God's redemption story throughout the rest of scripture?

READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN 6 MONTHS!

Looking for a challenge? Follow the YouVersion "Read the Bible in Six Months" reading plan. You'll read through the **ENTIRE** Bible over the course of just six months. That works out to six chapters of reading each day a commitment, but certainly manageable, and one that's well worth making. Scan to start.

