

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

WEEK 21

Welcome to week twenty-one of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. Last week, we examined the second half of the Book of Acts, specifically all that God did through Paul’s missionary journeys, including how God worked through the challenges Paul faced. This week, we will look at excerpts from letters written by the Apostle Paul, John, Jesus’ disciple, and James, Jesus’ brother.

DAY 1 This week, we begin by reading Galatians 5-6, written by the Apostle Paul. These chapters focus on our freedom in Jesus and the importance of spiritual community in our lives. Toward the end of Chapter 5, Paul contrasts living by the flesh with living by the Spirit (the fruit of the Spirit) and offers guidance on practical Christian living. Today, **read Galatians 5-6.**

DAY 2 Today, we read Ephesians 4-6, part of Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus. This passage addresses how Christians should relate to one another, particularly focusing on family and social relationships. It ends with a famous passage commonly called the Armor of God, which reminds followers of Jesus of the importance of staying grounded in God’s word as we face the spiritual forces of evil in this world. Today, **read Ephesians 4-6.**

DAY 3 Today, we will read 1 Timothy Chapter 1 and 2 Timothy 3-4. Timothy was a leader in the church who Paul had mentored. These letters were written to encourage and challenge Timothy. In these chapters, Paul guides Timothy on leading the church and remaining steadfast in the faith, even in the face of false teachings and persecution. He emphasizes the importance of Scripture and preaching the gospel faithfully. Today, **read 1 Timothy Chapter 1 and 2 Timothy 3-4.**

DAY 4 Paul wasn’t the only apostle who wrote letters contained in the Bible. Among others, the apostle John, who had been one of Jesus’ disciples and had written the Gospel of John, wrote three letters. John’s first letter begins by encouraging believers to walk in the light by living righteously, loving others, and abiding in Christ. John warns against the darkness of sin, the allure of the world, and the deception of false teachers. He also offers reassurance of forgiveness through Christ and the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Today, **read 1 John 1-2.**

DAY 5 This week, we conclude our time by reading a letter written by yet another author. The Book of James was written by the brother of Jesus. As you can imagine, it was difficult for James to believe that his brother was the Son of God, and yet he was utterly convinced. James wrote his letter to provide practical guidance for following Jesus and to encourage believers to demonstrate their faith by following Jesus faithfully. Today, **read James 1-5**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that caught your attention from this week's sermon?
2. What is a fear or insecurity that you struggle with? How can you bring that before God this week?
3. Pastor Adam talked about being mindful of what we are living for and what we will one day be known for. How do you hope to be remembered?
4. In Acts 20:22-24, Paul makes it clear that his priority is to "finish the race" God set before him, and nothing else in life seems to matter in comparison to that. What does it mean or look like for you to "finish the race" God has set before you?
5. Pastor Adam left us with two ways to respond: (1) Believe in Jesus and (2) Live for Jesus. What is your next step this week? Is it for the first time to believe fully in the gospel message that Paul preached, or is your next step to stop living for other things and live for Jesus and his mission?

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