



A Fellowship of Burning Hearts

READING THROUGH SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

4th Quarter | September - December 2025

Becoming a Fellowship of Burning Hearts

We believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in our church calling us to become a Fellowship of Burning Hearts. The two disciples along the Road to Emmaus experienced a burning in their hearts as Jesus opened the Scriptures to them and showed them how everything pointed to him and his redeeming work. Like these disciples, we are being intentionally formed by God into people who know the Scriptures deeply and who see how the whole Bible leads us to know Jesus and experience his presence.

In 2025 through August 2026, we are going to continue our own Emmaus journey as a church by reading the Scriptures together. In your hands is a Bible Reading Guide for the 4th quarter. Each week this guide will provide you with the readings for the week, a short primer and some questions for reflection, and some resources for further study and conversation.

Features in this Guide

A Visual Timeline: Each week there is a color-themed timeline to give you a visual of your weekly Storyline and Emmaus Readings. The Emmaus Readings will be in red each week to help you get a sense of the parts of the Bible they are drawn from.

Storyline: Each week there will be between 5-10 chapters that walk through the chronological storyline of the Bible. Our sermons each Sunday will come from this portion of our weekly readings.

Emmaus Readings: The Emmaus Readings are from other parts of the Bible that connect to the themes of the Storyline. As Jesus walked along the Emmaus Road with the disciples, he showed how all Scripture points to him. The Emmaus Readings are offered each week to help us learn to recognize these connections between different parts of the Bible and, most importantly, to help us to see how all of Scripture points to the life and ministry of Jesus, the Messiah.

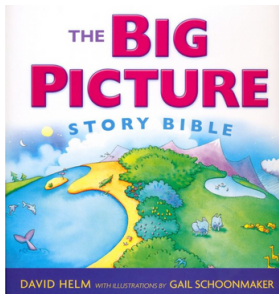
Read Through the Bible: For those who are committed to read every page of the Bible over the next 20 months, you will need to include this section in your weekly reading. Whenever possible, we tried to make sure that this section related to the Storyline readings, but that will not always be the case. If you read this section AND the Storyline section, you will read through the whole Bible (and the Gospels twice!)

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey & Questions/Exercises for Reflection: Following the weekly reading schedule is a short primer that makes some basic connections between the Storyline and Emmaus Readings. This is offered to equip us to see how all of the stories in the Bible point to the final revelation of Jesus the Messiah. The connections that are made in this section are not the only connections that can be made, so begin to look for some of your own!

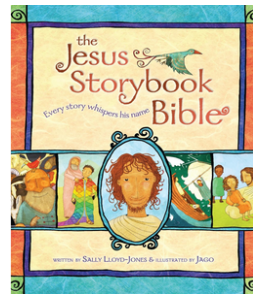
“Around the Table”: Each week there are three very simple questions to get conversation going with your family and friends. One of our hopes for this project is to encourage all of us, from the youngest to the oldest, to have meaningful conversations about the Bible. These are questions that you can ask around your dinner table at night, over coffee with a friend, or at your small group.

The Bible Project: The mission of The Bible Project is to show how “the Bible is a unified story that leads us to Jesus.” The work they have done is very much in line with our vision for becoming a “Fellowship of Burning Hearts.” The Bible Project has developed dozens of animated videos that highlight different themes in the Bible and overviews of all the Biblical books. Each week we have chosen a video or two that correspond to our Scripture reading for that week. If you go online and search: “The Bible Project” and the title of the video provided, you should be able to find it easily.

Kids’ Resources: In the guide, there is a section for Kids’ Resources which includes two storybook Bibles (The Jesus Storybook Bible and The Big Picture Story Bible), a free app called The Bible App for Kids, and episodes of the radio drama Adventures in Odyssey. All of these resources are spectacular at capturing the imagination of your child while immersing them in the biblical text. Each week, the chosen resources will follow along with the Storyline Readings as a way to engage the whole family.



The Big Picture
Story Bible



The Jesus
Storybook Bible



Bible App for Kids



Adventures in Odyssey

Resources Beyond this Guide

In addition to the resources in this guide, there will be other aids and learning opportunities that will be made available to you over the next two years.

American Sign Language Bible: First of all, for the members of our deaf community please take advantage of the online sign language Bible at Deaf Missions (www.deafmissions.com) and go to the “ASLV Bible” tab at the top of the page. This will be a great resource for you to read the Bible in American Sign Language. For those of you who are able to hear, we encourage you to check out the ASLV Bible as well. It would be a great way for you to connect with the deaf community!

Audio Readings: Secondly, we are creating an audio recording of the Storyline and Emmaus Readings that will be read by your brothers and sisters in Christ from Broadway. A link to the podcast that you can subscribe to and online recordings will be provided in the weekly bulletin and e-bulletin.

Workshops: Stay tuned for new workshops on reading Scripture that we hope to offer throughout the year.

The Writings

Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon



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The Prophets

Isaiah Jeremiah Lament Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Hab Zeph Haggai Zech Malachi

The Letters

Romans 1 Cor 2 Cor Gal Eph Philip Coloss 1 Thess 2 Thess 1 Tim 2 Tim Titus Philemon Heb James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 Jn 2 Jn 3 Jn Jude Rev

History & The Law

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The Gospels & Acts

Matthew Mark Luke John Acts

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Wk. 33: Exile

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Wks 35-36: Life in Exile

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | September 1-7

Storyline (Prelude to Exile): 2 Kings 18-20, 24-25

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 1-2; Luke 11:14-28

“Prelude to Exile”

Week 32: September 1-7

Storyline: 2 Kings 18-20, 24-25

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 1-2; Luke 11:14-28

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 21-23; 2 Chronicles 29-36

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

There is a bold challenge issued by the king of Assyria to the people of Jerusalem in 2 Kings 18:28-35. He declares that their God was no stronger than any of the other gods whose nations Assyria had defeated. Thanks to the strong leadership of King Hezekiah, God’s people chose to trust God that day and witnessed the miraculous overnight destruction of the king’s army (2 Kings 19:35).

It was a message to all nations - the God of Israel is greater than all other gods. The problem is, while God promised to always be with his people, they did not always choose to be with him. The whole book of 2 Kings, the whole Bible, even the whole history of the world shows this repeated pattern of God’s people putting their trust in other gods and feeling the painful consequences of it: a divided kingdom, captivity, and exile.

When Jesus came and healed the sick, spoke with authority, and cast out demons, people didn’t recognize it for what it was: that same incomparable and superior power of God. Jesus reminded them that divided houses and hearts still crumble, and they still had a choice: either place your trust in the one true God, or place your trust in other gods: “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters” (Luke 11:23).

Questions for Reflection and Small Group Discussion

1. The root cause of a divided heart is idolatry. What are current idols in your life?
2. God promises to be faithful to His children, but we often stray from obedience. When was a time that you recognized God’s steadfast and faithful nature?



Biblical Themes: Exile

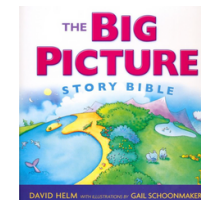
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For Kids!



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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | September 8-14

Storyline (Exile): Lamentations

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 3-4; Luke 19:41-48

“Exile”

Week 33: September 8-14

Storyline: Lamentations

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 3-4; Luke 19:41-48

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 62; Jeremiah 1-13

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Jeremiah prophesies the downfall of Jerusalem and the people’s exile from the Promised Land. He weeps over their destruction! God has sent numerous prophets urging people to stop worshiping false gods and return to the Lord with their whole hearts to avoid facing the penalty for breaking the covenant. The exile should have come as no surprise after so many warnings. Jeremiah pleads with Judah and Israel for 20 years to repent while the armies of Babylon providentially prepare for conquest.

John the Baptist preaches a similarly urgent warning: The ax is already at the root. God’s reckoning is coming with unquenchable fire! Get ready – behold the Lamb of God!

Like Jeremiah, Jesus weeps in lament over Jerusalem’s unresponsiveness to his message of love and his example of faithfulness. The people have forgotten the hard lessons of exile from the Promised Land; as in the days of the prophets, people’s hearts are set against the Lord. They say, “Peace, peace,” while rejecting the Prince of Peace.

Questions for Reflection & Small Group Discussion

1. God is love. Patient and merciful, he judges everyone righteously while calling all to himself. How do you square God’s promises of blessing with his warnings of judgment? Are these in conflict or in harmony?
2. Jesus defeats temptation and perfectly keeps God’s covenant – he succeeds where all others have failed. Pray a prayer of lament for someone in your life who does not yet know Christ as Lord and Savior. Ask God to turn their heart toward him.



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Old Testament Overviews: Lamentations

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Weekly Reading | September 15-21

Storyline (The Prophets of Exile): Ezekiel 1-3; Jeremiah 29-31

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 5-6; Hebrews 10:1-18

“The Prophets of Exile”

Week 34: September 15-21

Storyline: Ezekiel 1-3; Jeremiah 29-31

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 5-6; Hebrews 10:1-18

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 63; Jeremiah 14-28

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Both Jeremiah and Ezekiel had the unenviable task (as did so many of God’s prophets) of having to be God’s mouthpiece to a people who pledged their faithfulness before turning their backs on their promise to God. Usually, their unfaithfulness began with “small” acts of disobedience that they did not notice. Wandering from God can often happen so subtly.

The history of Scripture has shown that we are more prone to wander (like sheep) than to stay near the shepherd. This is why God told Jeremiah (31:33-34) - and the writer of Hebrews (10:16) - that God will give his people a new covenant, he will give them the Holy Spirit, who will testify that God’s laws now reside in our minds and on our hearts.

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Can you relate to the Old Testament Israelites? Do you find your feet leading you into areas you are not intending to wander into?
2. Pray that God will keep your heart tender to any wandering that may occur in your faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and open your heart to his words.



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Old Testament Overviews: Ezekiel 1-33

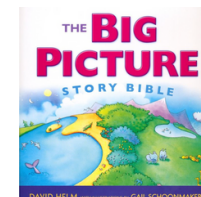
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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | September 22-28

Storyline (Life in Exile): Daniel 1-7

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 7-8; Hebrews 11:32-40

“Life in Exile”

Week 35: September 22-28

Storyline: Daniel 1-7

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 7-8; Hebrews 11:32-40

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 64; Daniel 8-12; Jeremiah 32-41

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Faith is not a small thing. Sometimes we may think of it in small ways, as something that enabled us to be part of the bigger, better thing: accepting Christ, becoming a child of God, or doing “great things” for God. But, as we saw in Daniel, faith is *the* thing. Faith is lived out in the quiet and hidden moments of our lives, which enables us to be what we hope to be in the rougher times. If Daniel was not faithful in the solitude of his room, he would not have been faithful during the public trial/

This is what Jesus is attempting to teach his followers in Matthew. Faith is the foundation of our life that produces assurance in us and produces good fruit when we quietly do the small things in the right ways that honor God.

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Daniel influenced the worship of three kings. A centurion gave up his Roman gods by watching Jesus and his followers. Think of ways you could be firmer, more consistent, more resilient in your daily life – letting your faith in God lead rather than accompany – and who knows who God may influence through you. Let your faith in God show by the trust you give him in every aspect of your day.
1. Look again at our section in Hebrews. Look at what it says was accomplished. Look at what was persevered through. Look at what was the foundation for being that kind of person. (Hint: v. 33a, 39a)



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Old Testament Overviews: Daniel

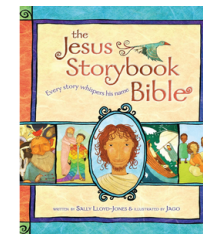
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A Roaring Rescue

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | Sep. 29 - Oct. 5

Storyline (Life in Exile): Esther 1-10

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

“Life in Exile”

Week 36: Sep. 29-Oct 5

Storyline: Esther 1-10

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 65; Jeremiah 42-52

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Set in the time of the Jewish exile, the book of Esther features a fascinating cast of characters. Pompous King Ahasuerus and Queen Vashti. Esther the beautiful Jewish orphan, chosen to be the new queen. Haman, a man promoted by the king to great authority in the kingdom but full of himself. Mordecai, the God-fearing Jew, Esther’s older cousin and caretaker, who refused to give homage to Haman.

This is an intense story of risk and peril, evil schemes, great faith, and trembling but committed courage. As the plot of the book unfolds, a theme is strikingly played out. Those who revere God and walk humbly with Him are exalted to high places of influence and honor, and those in high places who live recklessly and arrogantly are brought to destruction.

In 1 Corinthians 1: 10-31, God’s value system concerning strength and weakness is shocking to our human way of thinking. He chooses the small, weak and despised things and people of the world and uses them to shame the wise and strong. Few places in Scripture is this more clearly displayed than in the Book of Esther.

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. As you reflect on the Book of Esther, which of the characters impacts you most, and why?
2. So many character traits are on display throughout this story. Which traits do you long to live out more fully in your own life?
3. When have you seen God use something or someone you saw as weak or small? This week, see if you can spot some seemingly insignificant things and ask God to show you His perspective.



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Old Testament Overviews: Esther

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?

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Bernard and
Esther Pt. 1 & 2



The Brave
and Beautiful
Queen

The Writings

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RETURN FROM EXILE

Wks 37-38: The Return from Exile

The Prophets

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | October 6-12

Storyline (The Return from Exile): Ezra 1:1-8; 3-7

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 10-11; John 2:12-25

“The Return from Exile”

Week 37: October 6-12

Storyline: Ezra 1:1-8; 3-7

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 10-11; John 2:12-25

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 66; Jeremiah 42-45; Ezra

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

In the Old Testament, the temple in Jerusalem was a very big deal because it was the place where God dwelt and met with his people. It was where sacrifices were made and sins were forgiven and God’s people were made clean and righteous. The reconstruction of such a place brought with it tremendous joy and hope: finally, they would have God’s presence with them again! But reverence for the temple deteriorated over time; King Herod mounted an elaborate renovation project shortly before Jesus’ birth, but eventually the worship in the temple was corrupted by ambitious and poor leadership.

Jesus’ statement about destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days scandalized everyone who heard it. First, how dare he propose destroying it, and second, claiming its restoration in only three days was a flippant disregard for the years of toil and opposition their ancestors endured in rebuilding it the first time. But Jesus was referring to himself - the fullness of God dwelling among people, the perfect High Priest, the ultimate sacrifice for sin, the true curtain into the holy place to intercede for us. And his temple would not just be in one city for one people group, but it would usher in a whole kingdom (Matthew 10:7) that would be for all people.

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. How should we live differently considering the fact that God’s presence is dwelling all around?
2. In Matthew 11, Jesus promises rest to those who trust in him. In what ways have you experienced this comfort?



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Old Testament Overviews: Ezra-
Nehemiah

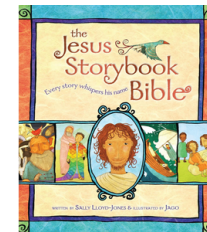
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Weekly Reading | October 13-19

Storyline (The Return from Exile): Nehemiah 1-6; 13

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 12-13; Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Peter 2:4-12

“The Return from Exile”

Week 38: October 13-19

Storyline: Nehemiah 1-6; 13

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 12-13; Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Peter 2:4-12

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 67; Haggai; Jeremiah 46-52; Nehemiah

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Through the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, we read about the great hope for the exiles as they return to Jerusalem from Babylon. However, there is more to the story. The exiles hoped that returning to Jerusalem would signify a return to spiritual wholeness, but as Nehemiah 13 demonstrates, the outward rebuilding of the temple and the city walls did not equate to an inward renovation of their hearts. Their hearts continued to be far from God. Physical restoration did not equal spiritual renewal.

These books are not simply historical records; they serve as a reminder that our hope cannot rest in mere circumstances but through the redemptive and transformative work of Jesus Christ alone.

In your Emmaus readings this week, there is a gospel reading from Matthew and two epistle passages. These passages each demonstrate that through Christ alone we are brought near to God. 1 Peter 2 uses the analogy of Jesus as the living stone we place our hope and foundation on. In addition, through him, we also are becoming living stones ourselves built together not as spectators of a holy place, but as a part of the spiritual house God is building. Unlike Nehemiah’s walls, it is our hearts that require rebuilding through the transforming work of Christ.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Have you ever expected a change in location or circumstances to fix a deeper spiritual issue? Share what you learned through this process with the group.
2. In what ways are we still tempted to “rebuild” our lives externally, rather than seeking heart transformation through the Spirit?
3. What is one specific way you can lean into Christ’s redemptive work this week?
4. What do these passages teach us about the difference between spiritual activity and spiritual intimacy with God?



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Old Testament Overviews: Haggai

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?

For Kids!



The Walls Go
Up

The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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THE WRITINGS & WISDOM LITERATURE

Wk 39: Introduction to Wisdom Literature

Wk 40: Proverbs

Wk 41: Song of Solomon

The Prophets

Isaiah	Jeremiah	Lament	Ezekiel	Daniel	Hosea	Joel	Amos	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Hab	Zeph	Haggai	Zech	Malachi
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The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | October 20-26

Storyline (Introduction to Wisdom Literature): Proverbs 1-4; Ecclesiastes 1; Job 1-2

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 14-15; James 1-2

“Introduction to Wisdom Literature”

Week 39: October 20-26

Storyline: Proverbs 1-4; Ecclesiastes 1; Job 1-2

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 14-15; James 1-2

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 68; Hosea 1-8

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Proverbs 1-4 encourages us to understand the importance of fearing the LORD and how that leads to living a wise and upright life. This is reinforced in Job 1:8 when the LORD describes Job as upright on account of his fear of God and how he shuns evil.

Ecclesiastes follows Proverbs with an antagonistic tone when the author claims that all his study of wisdom has been “a chasing after the wind,” and uses a discouraging correlation between wisdom and sorrow; knowledge and grief. Notice in Ecc 1:13 that the wisdom sought here is “all that is done under the heavens.” The pursuit and mastery of wisdom is a matter of pride to him, it is important that he is the wisest of all who have ruled over Jerusalem. The considerable wisdom of the author is not from the fear of the LORD, it is from his own diligent study of the world. Earthly diligence and wealth are not inherently evil! Pr. 3:9 says “honor the LORD with your wealth” not, “don’t have wealth.” The Hebrew word for wisdom in Ecclesiastes is the same as it is in Proverbs, but evidently the source of the wisdom (God or man) determines whether it satisfies our hearts.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. How can I discern whether I’m growing in wisdom from the fear of the LORD v. wisdom from my own understanding?
2. Pr. 1:7 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge...”. We can plainly see in our world that it is possible to have knowledge without fearing the LORD. Is there something different we could understand about “knowledge” in this verse?
3. The Hebrew word for wisdom, “hokma” is a feminine noun and Proverbs leans into this by describing wisdom as “Lady Wisdom.” Are there ways that this enhances your imagination as you read?



BibleProject

How to Read the Bible: The Books of
Solomon

Old Testament Overviews: Hosea

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?

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The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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THE WRITINGS & WISDOM LITERATURE

Wk 39: Introduction to Wisdom Literature

Wk 40: Proverbs

Wk 41: Song of Solomon

The Prophets

Isaiah	Jeremiah	Lament	Ezekiel	Daniel	Hosea	Joel	Amos	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Hab	Zeph	Haggai	Zech	Malachi
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The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | October 27 - November 2

Storyline (Proverbs): Proverbs 5-10

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 16-17; James 3-5

“Proverbs”

Week 40: October 27 - November 2

Storyline: Proverbs 5-10

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 16-17; James 3-5

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 69; Proverbs 11-20; Hosea 9-11

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Proverbs 5-10 was likely written when Solomon’s heart was most aligned with God’s will before it had been minced by the knife of his own divided love. He encourages his reader to choose the harder thing, denying short-term pleasures by not succumbing to lust, laziness, lying, profane living, pot-stirring, or evil purposes. He identifies discipline as a way to a life of freedom from sexual sin and freedom through prosperity.

Jesus describes a life of discipline when stating that those who want to be his disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross. This command to deny myself reminds me of times in my life where my heart is divided between what my head knows to be true and good and what my flesh desires in moments of weakness: anger, malice, lust, contempt. The dual promises of Matt. 16:25 don’t just refer to martyrdom, but also to the act of releasing my desire to have control over my soul.

All that we do flows from the heart, and much of the outward display of the inner state of our hearts flows through the tongue. We must guard our hearts, and we must not fill them with proud earthly wisdom and selfish ambition. What is in our hearts will eventually bear fruit, and if the fruit of our hearts is not peace-loving, considerate, submissive, merciful, impartial and sincere, let us prayerfully and earnestly consider to whom we have given ourselves over.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Jesus tells his disciples that he must be killed and raised up again. Shortly after that he uses the command to "take up [your] cross." Do you think the disciples made the connection that he would be crucified?
2. How much, or how little, do you identify with the "simple" who are referenced in Proverbs?
3. Consider James 4:13-16. Are there events in your future with which you need to be more open handed?



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Old Testament Overviews: Proverbs

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?

For Kids!

The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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THE WRITINGS & WISDOM LITERATURE

Wk 39: Introduction to Wisdom Literature

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The Prophets

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The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | November 3-9

Storyline (Song of Solomon): Song of Solomon

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 18-19; Ephesians 5:21-33; Revelation 19:7-9

“Song of Solomon”

Week 41: November 3-9

Storyline: Song of Solomon

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 18-19; Ephesians 5:21-33; Revelation 19:7-9

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 70; Proverbs 21-31; Hosea 12-14

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

The Song of Solomon is a collection of love poems showcasing the intimacy of the marital relationship. The writer describes the courtship, wedding night, and the developing physical and emotional intimacy of his marriage. Traditionally attributed to King Solomon, he describes the delight that God intended for marital companionship. The book is also seen as an allegory of Christ’s love for his Bride, the church.

In Matthew 19, Jesus talks about how in marriage, a man leaves his parents and joins to his wife, becoming one flesh. Divorce is not a part of God’s design. Ephesians 5:21 tells us that everyone is to subject to one another, out of reverence for Christ. He goes on to give an example of wives being subject to their husband and husbands being subject to their wives. Wives respect their husbands in the same way that Church respects Christ. And in the same way that Christ gave himself up for the church, husbands are to give up their selves for their wives. Revelation gives us a beautiful picture of the Church, clothed in the righteous deeds of the saints, ready for the marriage of the Lamb. Oh, what a glorious day that will be!

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Song of Solomon is a grand love story between a husband and a wife. For those who are married, spend some time reflecting on the intimacy of your own marriage. For all, spend time reflecting on your intimacy with God.
2. Isaiah 54:5-8 tells us that our Maker is our husband. Meditate on this passage. What stirs inside of you as you read this passage?
3. In Ephesians, there is a command of mutual submission. The example given is a comparison of husband and wife with Christ and his Church. How well are you loving and submitting to those around you? In what areas do you find difficult to submit to one another?



BibleProject

Old Testament Overviews: Song of
Songs

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?

For Kids!

The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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PROPHETS OF HOPE

Wk 42: Prophets of Hope Part 1
Wk 43: Prophets of Hope Part 2
Wk 44: Prophets of Hope Part 3

The Prophets

Isaiah	Jeremiah	Lament	Ezekiel	Daniel	Hosea	Joel	Amos	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Hab	Zeph	Haggai	Zech	Malachi
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The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | November 10-16

Storyline (Prophets of Hope Part 1): Jeremiah 31-33

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 20-23; Hebrews 8

“Prophets of Hope Part 1”

Week 42: November 10-16

Storyline: Jeremiah 31-33

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 20-23; Hebrews 8

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 70; Joel; Amos

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

In 2 Samuel 16, David’s son Absalom staged a coup, taking over his father’s kingdom and raping his father’s concubines ‘in the sight of all Israel.’ Yet despite these atrocities against him, David commands his soldiers to be gentle when dealing with his son, Absalom. When Joab kills Absalom, David mourns like a father losing a son instead of a king defeating a rival.

Similarly, in Luke 15, Jesus tells the Pharisees and the teachers of the law the parable of the prodigal son. The son takes his inheritance and loses all of it, but the father still welcomed his lost son back home with open arms and a celebratory feast.

In Acts 13, Paul teaches in the Jewish synagogue about their history, connecting David to Jesus. Paul tells us that David was a man after God’s own heart, yet David still died, and his earthly body decayed. Jesus, by contrast, is God’s holy one who died, but was raised again. In 2 Samuel 24, David acts as an intercessor for his people, calling himself a shepherd protecting his sheep. Yet the punishment here is a result of David’s own sin. 2 Corinthians 5 teaches us that Jesus is the ultimate shepherd who reconciles us back to God even though He Himself knew no sin.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

The stories this week focus on unconditional love of fathers. . Spend some time reflecting on the ways you have sinned against God the Father and give thanks for His unconditional love and forgiveness toward you.

2. Is there someone who has hurt you that you are having a hard time extending forgiveness toward?

3. Spend some time praying for your community. As stated in 2 Corinthians 5:19, we are called to a ministry of reconciliation. Is there a person or a group of people where God is calling you to be an ambassador of Christ to? Pray for them.



BibleProject

Old Testament Overviews: Jeremiah

Old Testament Overviews: Joel

Old Testament Overviews: Amos

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?

For Kids!



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The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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PROPHETS OF HOPE

Wk 42: Prophets of Hope Part 1
Wk 43: Prophets of Hope Part 2
Wk 44: Prophets of Hope Part 3

The Prophets

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The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | November 17-23

Storyline (Prophets of Hope Part 2): Ezekiel 17 & 34

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 24-28; John 10:1-21; Luke 15:1-7

“Prophets of Hope Part 2”

Week 43: November 17-23

Storyline: Ezekiel 17 & 34

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 24-28; John 10:1-21; Luke 15:1-7

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 71-72; Obadiah; Jonah; Micah

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Sometimes to understand a concept, it helps to know its opposite. In Ezekiel 34, we have a grim description of a negligent shepherd alongside an affectionate portrayal of the Good and Perfect Shepherd. John 10 and Luke 15 speak of the tenderness of this Shepherd, the intimacy of His relationship with His sheep, the lengths to which He will go to protect that relationship. The sheep know His voice and obey it as they have dwelt long in His loving presence. This relationship between man and our Creator is a gift found in no other God and is to be enjoyed forever.

In Ezekiel 17 the prophet tells a parable about how God’s people found themselves in a foreign land under the thumb of Nebuchadnezzar. Their beautiful city, Jerusalem, was destroyed all because they did not recognize and obey clear voice of God, the Good Shepherd. They lost intimate relationship because their disobedience deafened them to the voice of God.

If you look for it, you will find that obedience, (following the Shepherd), precedes many things. It is the pathway to blessing, joy, and abundant life. This is found all throughout the Old and New Testaments. Obedience precedes understanding, relationship, and mostly knowledge of God. He increasingly reveals himself as we submit ourselves to his Lordship. As Luke and John tell us, abiding and obeying will lead us to know Him by His voice, creating the beautiful intimacy God intended. How do we hear his voice? God’s voice is found in the Bible, through his Spirit dwelling in us, and in the godly lives of others.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. As you read through Ezekiel 34, John 10, and Luke 15, look for phrases that express what it means to be loved and cared for by The Good Shepherd.
2. What steps have you taken to go beyond loving Him to enjoying Him?
3. Are there areas of consistent disobedience that prevent you from intimacy with God?



BibleProject

Old Testament Overviews: Ezekiel 34-48

Old Testament Overviews: Obadiah

Old Testament Overviews: Jonah

Old Testament Overviews: Micah

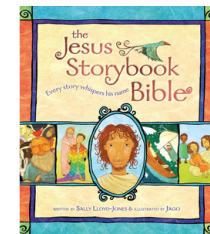
Around the Table

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How can you use what you learned in your life?

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The Writings

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The Prophets

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CATCH-UP
WEEK!

The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | November 24-30

Catch-up on any readings from this quarter you're behind on!

The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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PROPHETS OF HOPE

Wk 42: Prophets of Hope Part 1
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Wk 44: Prophets of Hope Part 3

The Prophets

Isaiah	Jeremiah	Lament	Ezekiel	Daniel	Hosea	Joel	Amos	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Hab	Zeph	Haggai	Zech	Malachi
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The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | December 1-7

Storyline (Prophets of Hope Part 3): Isaiah 9:1-11; 11:1-10; 42-45

Emmaus Reading: Matthew 24-28; Matthew 12:18-21; Philippians 2:1-11

“Prophets of Hope Part 3”

Week 44: December 1-7

Storyline: Isaiah 9:1-11; 11:1-10; 42-45

Emmaus Readings: Matthew 24-28; Matthew 12:18-21; Philippians 2:1-11

Read Through the Bible: Nahum; Habakkuk; Zephaniah

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

The book of Isaiah is riddled with Messianic prophecies - more so than any other Old Testament book. In these storyline chapters, Isaiah prophesies about the “Servant of the Lord.” He will come to the earth as a humble servant, and he will rule with righteousness and justice. The LORD promises the Israelites that this “servant of the LORD” will bring a great reversal of conflict into harmony. The calf and the lion shall lie together as will the wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the goat, and the child and cobra. The Messiah “will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice” (Isaiah 42:2-3)

In our Emmaus readings, these prophecies from Isaiah are connected to the historical figure of Jesus. In his own teaching, Jesus quotes this passage from Isaiah 42 as he identifies himself as the servant-messiah. Paul characterizes Jesus in the same way in Philippians 2 by describing Him as “humble,” “obedient,” “human,” and “a servant.”

Jesus came as a humble servant to the Earth to usher forth the kingdom of God through ruling with justice and righteousness, and by compassionately caring for the broken.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. In what ways is your perception of Jesus strengthened or challenged by His identification as “Servant of the LORD?”
2. What are ways that you can imitate Christ’s compassionate heart towards the abused/afflicted in your own life?
3. Considering the Philippians passage, why are love and humility so important for the unity of believers? What are some practical steps toward improving in these areas?



BibleProject

Old Testament Overviews: Isaiah 1-39

Old Testament Overviews: Isaiah 40-66

Old Testament Overviews: Nahum

Old Testament Overviews: Habakkuk

Old Testament Overviews: Zephaniah

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

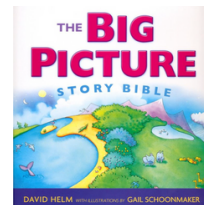
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How can you use what you learned in your life?

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The Writings

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The Prophets

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CATCH-UP
WEEK!

The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

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Weekly Reading | December 8-14

Catch-up on any readings from this quarter you're behind on!

The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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THE MESSIAH ARRIVES!

Wk 45: The Birth of Christ

The Prophets

Isaiah	Jeremiah	Lament	Ezekiel	Daniel	Hosea	Joel	Amos	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Hab	Zeph	Haggai	Zech	Malachi
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The Letters

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The Gospels & Acts

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History & The Law

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy	Joshua	Judges	Ruth	1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles	Ezra	Nehemiah	Esther
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Weekly Reading | December 15-21

Storyline (The Birth of Christ): Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

Emmaus Reading: Micah 4-5:5

“The Birth of Christ”

Week 45: December 15-21

Storyline: Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

Emmaus Readings: Micah 4-5:5

Read Through the Bible: Zechariah; Malachi

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

The readings this week take us from the humble birth of Jesus to the end of time when Jesus will reign over all the earth! The story of Jesus’ birth is packed with wonder! From angelic appearances to Mary, Joseph, lowly shepherds, and foreign kings to feeding troughs, straw, and a manger. His birth was both glorious and humble. Largely unnoticed, His birth split time in two. Jesus didn’t burst onto planet earth a superhero. No, He became a child, dependent upon a mother. He was to be called Immanuel, meaning “God with Us.” This title speaks of both the deity of Jesus and His empathy for us.

How low God bent to redeem man! He left the glory, beauty, and perfection of heaven to become a man, accepting the hardships, the frailties, and the pain of living in a broken world. We have need of no one to bring us to God for God has come to us. He came to meet us in our sin and to redeem us from it. As Gabriel said to Mary, “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” (Luke 1:32-33).

Micah takes us to the beginning of the end; the reign of Christ on earth. A time when there is no more war as Christ, and those who reign with him, deliver swift justice and resolution between nations. Weapons will be beaten into farm tools. (Micah 4:3) We will live safe and prosperous on earth under the Messiah’s rule. Israel will once again be restored (Micah 4:13). Come quickly Lord Jesus! We long for your presence and peace.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. What aspects of Jesus birth most captivate you?
2. Think about the name Immanuel. When have you most powerfully experienced God’s presence with you?
3. Do you look forward to the end of time or does it bring you uncertainty? If the latter, why?



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Luke-Acts: The Birth of Jesus: Luke 1-2

Old Testament Overviews: Zechariah

Old Testament Overviews: Malachi

Around the Table

What was your favorite part of the reading?

What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?



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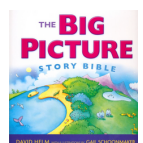


#135-137 Back To Bethlehem
#176-177 The Star

For Kids!



The First Christmas Gift



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...Summary and Looking Forward...

We have now read through the storyline of the Old Testament! If you have been keeping up with the reading you read almost all of the Old Testament and a good portion of the New Testament this year. Well done!

We have now come to the pivotal point of the story of the Bible and the pivotal moment of all history. Jesus, the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world has arrived. Our Storyline readings for 2026 will now all come from the New Testament and the Emmaus readings will come from the Old Testament as we continue to make connections between the story of Israel and the life and ministry of Jesus.

If you have fallen behind in the readings, don't feel the need to read it all to catch up. Pick up where we are as a congregation and continue to engage with us as we learn to Follow Jesus Together. As a reminder to you, our hope is that this experience together will cause us to become a "Fellowship of Burning Hearts" here at Broadway; that we will become a community of people who know Jesus and see him throughout the whole story of the Bible.