



A Fellowship of Burning Hearts

READING THROUGH SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

Year 2: Quarter 1 | December 2025 - March 2026

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 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.

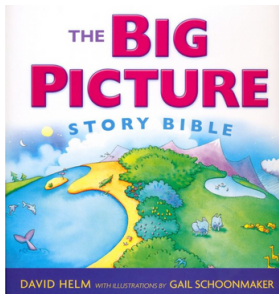
Read Through the Bible: For those who are committed to read every page of the Bible over the next 20 months, you will need to include this section in your weekly reading. Whenever possible, we tried to make sure that this section related to the Storyline readings, but that will not always be the case. 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 and the questions are designed for your own reflection or for conversations with your small group.

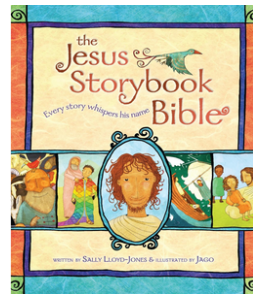
“Around the Table”: Each week there are three very simple questions to get conversation going with your family and friends. One of our hopes for this project is to encourage all of us, from the youngest to the oldest, to have meaningful conversations about the Bible. These are questions that you can 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

Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther

The Gospels & Acts

Matthew Mark Luke John Acts

The Writings

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | December 29-January 4

Storyline : Luke 1-2, Matthew 1, John 1:1-18

Emmaus Reading: Leviticus 12:1-8; 1 Samuel 1

Jesus Presented in the Temple

Year 2, Week 1: December 29-January 4

Storyline: Luke 1-2, Matthew 1, John 1:1-18

Emmaus Readings: Leviticus 12:1-8; 1 Samuel 1

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 73

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

In today's readings, we have three stories of three different sons (John, Jesus, and Samuel) born to three different women (Elizabeth, Mary, and Hannah). Each story is a unique testimony of God's divine provision. Jewish law required parents to present their newborns in the temple with a sacrifice, a custom which we see Mary and Joseph following in Luke 2. For the parents, this is a physical demonstration of an internal recognition that their child is a gift from God and that this new life ultimately belongs to God. We read these sons' parents responding to the Lord in worship (see 1 Samuel 2 for Hanna's prayer) because of His provision. Each prayer/song recognizes God at work in much larger ways for His people. When Jesus is presented at the temple, Mary and Joseph are worshiping God for their new baby boy, but they encounter Simeon who reminds them that this baby boy is a gift to the whole world.

Questions for Reflection and Small Group Discussion

1. Sometimes we can miss the "miracles in the ordinary." In the Christmas story, Jesus is a baby boy born to two ordinary (and financially poor) parents. Spend some time imagining/discussing typical life with a newborn and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you new things about the miracle of the incarnation.
2. Simeon's story is an incredible example of trusting God to fulfill His promises with great patience. It is also a glorious testimony of God's fulfillment of that promise—both to Israel and to Simeon himself. Are there areas in your personal life or promises in scripture that are stretching your faith and patience? Talk to God about these things. If in a small group, share and encourage one another as you feel comfortable.



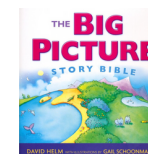
Luke-Acts: The Birth of Jesus

Around the Table

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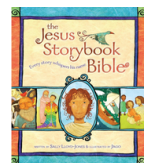
What is one question you have from the reading?

How can you use what you learned in your life?



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For Kids!



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"Unto Us a Child is Born"
Episode 294

The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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The Prophets

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Weekly Reading | January 5-11

Storyline: Luke 2:41-52: Matthew 2

Emmaus Reading: 1 Samuel 2-3

Jesus in the Temple

Year 2, Week 2: January 5-11

Storyline: Luke 2:41-52; Matthew 2

Emmaus Readings: 1 Samuel 2-3

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 74

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Jesus travels in a caravan of family and friends to the temple every year to celebrate Passover. He is left behind, and after 3 days he is found in the temple. His mother Mary is frantic looking for him, but he tells her that she should have known that he would be in his Father's house. At 12 years old, he already knows he is the Son of God and understands his purpose and knew where he needed to be.

Samuel was a young man when the LORD first called him. Though Samuel had been serving the LORD, he was not expecting to hear from Him. Samuel's mother, Hannah, had fervently prayed to conceive a son, and the LORD answered. After conception, Hannah and Mary both prayed prayers of praise to the LORD, acknowledging the LORD's work and celebrating how His will would be done through each of their sons. Samuel is offered to the LORD by Hannah (1Sam 1:28) and would grow into his role of service to the LORD. Samuel would come to replace Eli's evil sons who had failed to fulfill their sacred responsibilities. In a similar way, all the kings of Israel would ultimately be insufficient. Jesus would be the all-sufficient king and priest.

Questions for Reflection & Small Group Discussion

1. Have you ever wondered when Jesus came to realize his identity as the Son of God? As the Messiah of Israel? When did you discover your own calling?
2. We are told that Jesus "grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and with people." How is the way that Jesus grew up similar to us? How is it different?



New Testament Overview: Mark

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!



"Your Servant is Listening"

Part 1 & 2

Episode 727-728

The Writings

Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon
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The Prophets

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Weekly Reading | January 12-18

Storyline: Luke 3:1-19; Mark 1:1-5; Matthew 3:1-12; John 1:19-51; John 3:22-36

Emmaus Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

The Ministry of John the Baptist

Year 2, Week 3: January 12-18

Storyline: Luke 3:1-19; Mark 1:1-5; Matthew 3:1-12; John 1:19-51; John 3:22-36

Emmaus Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 75

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

In Matthew 11:11, Jesus said that the greatest man ever born was John the Baptist, the fascinating character who bursts on the scene in all four gospels. Because of his unique role as the forerunner and herald of the coming Messiah, he fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3-5 as quoted in Luke 3:4-6. Like Jesus and the Apostles, he preached the necessity of repentance to receive the forgiveness of sins, salvation from God's wrath, and the Messiah Himself. In an exemplary manner, he realized that the main purpose of life was to promote the supremacy of Christ, because "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. In light of John's comments in Luke 3:15-16, John 1:30, and John 3:30, how did John view himself? How did he view Christ? What can we learn about humility and a Christ-centered self-image from this man? How should we go about pursuing the virtue of humility? See also Romans 12:3.
2. John's baptism was "a baptism of repentance" (Luke 3:3). Therefore, he told the people to "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 3:2). What is the meaning of repentance? And what is the relationship between the command to "Repent" and the exhortation to "Bear fruits in keeping with repentance" (Luke 3:8), which John unpacked in Luke 3:8-14?
3. In your own life, how do you "Bear fruits in keeping with repentance"? And how have you benefited from the fruits of repentance which other believers have demonstrated?



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New Testament Overviews: Matthew 1-13

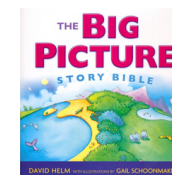
Character Insight: John the Baptist

Around the Table

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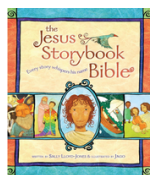
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How can you use what you learned in your life?



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The Writings

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The Prophets

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | January 19-25

Storyline: Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 3:13-4:11; Mark 1:9-12

Emmaus Reading: Psalm 2; Deuteronomy 8:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:13-16

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

Year 2, Week 4: January 19-25

Storyline: Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 3:13-4:11; Mark 1:9-12

Emmaus Readings: Psalm 2; Deuteronomy 8:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:13-16

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 76

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Jesus' life is full of Old Testament references. Some of them come from Him, and some are said about Him. At Jesus' baptism, like a proud Father, God the Father presents His Son to the crowd, proclaiming that Jesus is "The Beloved Son" referred to in Psalm 2. Having received this title, Jesus later refers to Himself as the Beloved Son when talking with Nicodemus in John 3:16.

Psalm 119:11 declares, "I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won't sin against you." The truth of Scripture was the foundation upon which Jesus built His life and ministry. When faced with temptation, He relied on God's Word as His defense, responding to each challenge with truth stored in His heart. The Bible holds the truths that we can know and fully grasp as our foundation for life and faith. Many of us have echoed the heartfelt cry of the man in Mark 9:24 who honestly responded to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief." God is not only the source of truth; He is also the source of the faith that enables us to live by that truth.

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Jesus is the Father's "Beloved Son." There are many other titles of Jesus in the Old and New Testaments. What title of Jesus holds significant meaning for you? Why? As you present Jesus to others, how do you introduce Him?
2. What role have God's truths been playing in your spiritual walk? What truths have been mainstays in your battles against the enemy?



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Luke-Acts: Baptism of Jesus

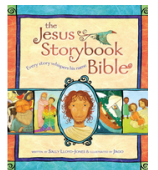
Around the Table

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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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The Prophets

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | January 26-February 1

Storyline: Luke 4:14-44; Mark 1:14-45; Matthew 4:12-17

Emmaus Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3; 1 Kings 17; 2 Kings 5

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

Year 2, Week 5: January 26-February 1

Storyline: Luke 4:14-44; Mark 1:14-45; Matthew 4:12-17

Emmaus Readings: Isaiah 61:1-3; 1 Kings 17; 2 Kings 5

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 77

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

While in his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus claims the authority of Isaiah's prophecy to the people that the God of Israel is active and present and working in their midst.

Yet God's chosen people do not recognize him; the ones who should have the greatest capacity to see and understand what he brings to them are blind to his identity. Jesus points to stories of open eyes and hearts of foreigners who are able to see him for who He is. It is important to always be examine your faith so that you retain the fresh eyes of a child and not the blindness that can come from familiarity. Even as Jesus reminded his companions on the way to Emmaus, possibly even pointing out these very stories, He is the one who has always been with them and will forever be there for those who need and seek Him. As Luke 24 says, "When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight."

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Where might familiarity be dulling your vision? In what ways can long exposure to Scripture, church, or even Jesus himself make it harder to recognize God's activity in your life right now?
2. How do you respond when God's presence challenges your expectations? The people of Nazareth resisted Jesus because he did not fit their assumptions. Where might Christ be confronting your own ideas about who he is and how he works?



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New Testament Overviews: Luke 1-9

Around the Table

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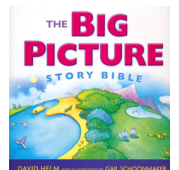
How can you use what you learned in your life?

For Kids!



"Thy Kingdom Come"

Episode 232



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The Writings

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The Prophets

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | February 2-8

Storyline: Luke 5; Matthew 4:18-9:38; Mark 2:1-22

Emmaus Reading: Isaiah 35

The Calling of the First Disciples

Year 2, Week 6: February 2-8

Storyline: Luke 5; Matthew 4:18-9:38; Mark 2:1-22

Emmaus Readings: Isaiah 35

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 78

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

In our Storyline Readings from the Gospels Jesus calls to His disciples and says: “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!”

In Luke 5, we read an account of Peter’s calling, with Jesus demonstrating His deity to Peter by providing a miraculous catch of fish. providing As Peter had to draw the fish in his net, he was being drawn to surrender his heart and life to Jesus! Matthew’s account reads like a movie script: Jesus is baptized, anointed by the Holy Spirit, tested by the enemy, ministered to by angels, and begins his ministry in Galilee. Jesus’ first order of business is to call His disciples: “the harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Matthew also records the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus’ instructions for his followers. The Sermon on the Mount is a masterful exposition and execution of the Law’s full meaning and intent, a guide that goes far beyond the Law’s surface meaning, and leaves all of us as sinners utterly dependent on the saving grace of Jesus! To imagine that this marvelous Son of God, the Perfecter of this Law, would call us to be His disciples is so remarkable, so amazing, and so humbling.

Isaiah 35 provides a gorgeous picture of God’s glory filling the earth, an era clearly representing the Messianic age that is here and is to come. God will turn the deserts from barrenness to verdant blossoming, healing the most severe physical conditions, and quelling all fears with righteous justice. Jesus gives us a taste of this in his exposition of ministry, and, through the schooling of the Sermon on the Mount, the disciples of Jesus can also testify to God’s character, splendor, and glory by our actions and conduct.

Questions for Reflection & Group Discussion

1. What is the difference between a believer of Jesus and a disciple of Jesus?
2. Read Luke 5:8 – what was Peter’s reaction when he realized who Jesus was? What was your reaction when you sensed God’s calling in your life?



BibleProject

Sermon on the Mount: Introduction

(There are 10 videos dedicated to the Sermon on the Mount if you want to dive deeper!)

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!



“Teach a Man”
Episode 897

The Writings

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The Prophets

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The Gospels & Acts

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Weekly Reading | February 9-15

Storyline: Luke 6-7; Mark 2:23-5:43; Matthew 10-12

Emmaus Reading: Deuteronomy 23:24-25; 1 Samuel 21:1-6

Jesus and the Sabbath

Year 2, Week 7: February 9-15

Storyline: Luke 6-7; Mark 2:23-5:43; Matthew 10-12

Emmaus Readings: Deuteronomy 23:24-25; 1 Samuel 21:1-6

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 79

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

In Luke 6 Jesus and his disciples are confronted by the Pharisees as they are gathering food on the Sabbath, a work forbidden by Jewish law.

Jesus demonstrates His authority by referencing the story of David and his companions breaking the laws by eating the consecrated bread that is meant only for the priests (1 Sam 21:1-6). Jesus does not defend the actions directly, but makes this connection as if to communicate that in both situations, sustenance of human life is prioritized over the law. He then inserts his authority by saying “The Son of Man is Lord over the Sabbath.” We also read in Luke 6:1 that the group of men were not totally disregarding the laws, they still followed the procedure of what and how they could pick from a field as is stated in Deuteronomy. This demonstrates that Jesus did not disregard the totality of the law, but makes an exception for the provision of his people and himself at this moment.

God in His great compassion demonstrates in both the Old and New Testaments that He is the Lord over the Sabbath. He always seeks to provide for His people, to care for them and to keep them safe as their Good Shepherd. He led David and companions to eat consecrated bread, though technically against the law, to sustain them. He led His disciples to pick food on the Sabbath to sustain His earthly body and theirs. His character remains consistent in both situations, the laws are good, but not to the detriment of his children.

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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Biblical Themes: Sabbath

Around the Table

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The Writings

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The Letters

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Weekly Reading | February 16-22

Storyline: Luke 8-9:27; Mark 6-8; Matthew 13-16

Emmaus Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Peter's Confession: Jesus is the Christ

Year 2, Week 8: February 16-22

Storyline: Luke 8-9:27; Mark 6-8; Matthew 13-16

Emmaus Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 80

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

After hearing Jesus' teachings, witnessing Him perform miraculous healings, helping pass out bread and fish that multiplied until thousands were fed, and walking on water at Jesus' invitation, Peter had no hesitation when he was asked who Jesus was. With clear conviction he responded, "The Christ of God".

Jesus' response gave Peter and the rest of His followers, including us, a glimpse into what being the Christ would cost Him, and what it will cost us to be His followers. In the Gospels, Jesus tells them that He will suffer and be killed and will rise again. The poetic and gut-wrenching story of Isaiah 53 opens a window into the sufferings of the Son and Servant of God - the Christ. The paradoxical beauty is that the sufferings of Christ brought fullness of life to a world that was dead. As we follow Him, suffer with Him and give up trying to save own lives, we can experience his eternal life as well.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Jesus first asked the disciples who other people said He was. Then He got more personal. Sit for a few minutes in silence and reflect on the question Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" What answer comes to your own heart?
2. According to Jesus, we can't save our own lives. Discuss what it might mean for us to lose our lives for His sake.



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New Testament Overview: Matthew
14-28

Around the Table

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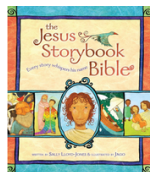
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Weekly Reading | February 23-March 1

Storyline: Luke 9:28-50; Mark 9; Matthew 17

Emmaus Reading: Exodus 24; 1 Kings 19:1-18

The Transfiguration

Year 2, Week 9: February 23-March 1

Storyline: Luke 9:28-50; Mark 9; Matthew 17

Emmaus Readings: Exodus 24; 1 Kings 19:1-18

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 81

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

The Transfiguration takes place about a week after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ. Shortly afterward, Jesus takes Peter, along with James and John, up a mountain to pray. While there, Jesus is transfigured before them—revealed in divine glory.

Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appear and begin speaking with Jesus. Both figures had experienced profound encounters with God on mountaintops. In Exodus 24, Moses encounters the glory of the Lord on Mount Sinai. Later, when Moses descends the mountain in Exodus 34 his face shines with the reflected glory of God. Likewise, 1 Kings 19 recounts Elijah's mountaintop experience on Mount Horeb. Elijah, overwhelmed with grief and despair, flees into the wilderness and asks God to take his life. Instead, the Lord meets him in his weakness, sustains him, and reveals Himself to Elijah. Moses and Elijah were towering figures in Israel's history. Moses was the great lawgiver and deliverer of the Israelites, while Elijah was the great prophet whom many Jews believed would return to usher in the end times (Malachi 4:4-6). Their presence with Jesus on the mountain is deeply significant. Together, they speak with Him about His coming death in Jerusalem.

This moment reveals that Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is not a tragic accident, but part of God's redemptive plan. His suffering and death fulfill God's word given through Moses in the Law and through Elijah and the prophets. The Transfiguration thus reveals Jesus as the fulfillment of both the Law and the Prophets—and the Messiah who will accomplish God's saving purpose.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. The mountaintop experience is one of deep intimacy with God. During this moment of glorification, Jesus' death is discussed. What does this reveal about the relationship between God's glory and suffering?
2. God's redemptive plan unfolds across many generations. What does this say about the faithfulness of God? Is it easier or harder for you trust in God in moments when you cannot see the full picture?
3. Describe your own mountaintop experiences. Were they in seasons of joy or of grief? Pray for each other.



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New Testament Overviews:

Luke 10-24

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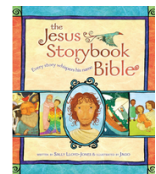
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"Connie Comes to Town"
Episode 4



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Weekly Reading | March 2-8

Storyline: Luke 9:51-13:35; Mark 10:1-34; Matthew 18:1-9

Emmaus Reading: 2 Chronicles 24:20-22

Jesus Set His Face Toward Jerusalem

Year 2, Week 10: March 2-8

Storyline: Luke 9:51-13:35; Mark 10:1-34; Matthew 18:1-9

Emmaus Readings: 2 Chronicles 24:20-22

Read Through the Bible: Psalm 82

Guidance for the Emmaus Journey

Divided by religion, politics, and cultural differences. Antagonistic towards ‘outsiders.’ Persecuting people whose only crime was pointing out injustice by delivering truth. This describes Jerusalem during the time Jesus Christ was on the earth. This describes our world today.

Zechariah issued a warning from God, and it cost him his life. He became another casualty, contributing to Jerusalem’s ugly reputation for killing prophets. (Matthew 23:37). What irony that the very city that housed the Temple of God’s presence rejected God’s messages. They could not recognize His truth. Yet the prophets held onto truths they knew to be undeniable. They knew these truths held the water of life and, unless the recipients drank of them, they would perish. They knew the risks they took, and still they persevered. This must be the truth we live by today.

Three fundamental truths are recognizable in the lives of these martyrs:

- 1-They understood the absolute necessity of obedience to God.
- 2-They believed the Word they shared was life-giving.
- 3-They believed that dying was a price worth paying to give that life.

In other words, they shared the attitude of Jesus Christ.

Questions for Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Are there areas in your life where divisiveness exists?
2. When has God called you to do something difficult, uncomfortable, or unpopular?
3. What fears or distractions keep you from making obedience to God a top priority?



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Biblical Themes: Gospel of the Kingdom

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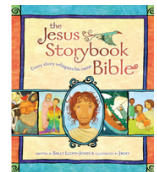
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“Adventure in Bethany
Part 1 & 2”

Episodes 226-227



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...Summary and Looking Forward...

We have explored the early life of Jesus and the early days of his ministry. There are some who are seeing him and believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, and the Messiah. But we are also beginning to get some hints in this story that there are going to be some powerful people who resist him and his message.

And so, Jesus “sets his face toward Jerusalem.” From this point on in the Gospel stories Jesus knows that he is going to Jerusalem where he will be betrayed and handed over to death. He “sets his face,” toward the salvation that he will bring through his suffering for us and the whole world.

Over the next few weeks as we move into the stories that lead up to his betrayal, death, and resurrection, begin to set your own face toward him. He is the author and perfecter of your faith who, for the joy set before him, endured the cross. Let’s turn our face toward him as we remember how he set his own face toward Jerusalem for our own salvation.