

**"The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever."**

- Isaiah 40:8

In order to know Jesus, one of the most important practices for your spiritual growth is taking time to read, reflect on, and respond to the Bible regularly in order to let it form your life.

There are two parts to being formed by Scripture - the mind and the heart. We must understand what the text is saying with our mind and we must take Scripture into our heart so that our will and motivations are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

These passages in this reading plan are aimed at helping you better understand what it means to follow Jesus.

Our prayer is that you will read this in partnership with a Christian who can serve as a coach and a guide to following Jesus. The idea is that both of you would read the passages listed for the week and then get together once a week to talk about your life and what the Bible is saying. This isn't intended to be a complex Bible study (so neither of you have to be experts!). It's more focused on how God is speaking to you through the Bible.

You can ask questions like:

What struck you from the reading this week?
Was anything challenging?
Was anything encouraging?
Was anything confusing?
Are there specific behaviors or thoughts you need to change?
How do you need to respond to the reading?

We would encourage you to pray for each other at the end of each time of discussion.

There is no script. The goal is to talk about your life in the context of the Bible so that together you can both know and become more like Jesus.

Remember, your main goal is to connect with God through your reading! So as you read, talk to God about what you are reading. And then reflect on how you can live out what Jesus is teaching you through the text.

Week 1	Luke 5:1-11, Luke 9:57-62, John 15:1-11
Week 2	Matthew 5:3-20, Matthew 5:21-32, Matthew 5:33-48
Week 3	Matthew 6: 1-8, Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 6:19-34
Week 4	Luke 15:1-32 (Read twice this week, the second time focus on the prodigal son story) Luke 7:36-50 (Use your imagination to visualize this scene, like it's a movie)
Week 5	Colossians 3, Ephesians 4, Ephesians 5
Week 6	Colossians 1:1-14, Colossians 1:15-28, Ephesians 1
Week 7	Romans 5:1-11, John 19, Ephesians 2:1-10
Week 8	Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3
Week 9	1 Peter 1, 1 Peter 2
Week 10	Psalms 1, Psalm 23, Psalm 103
Week 11	Mark 4, Mark 5, Mark 6
Week 12	Romans 6, Romans 8:1-14, Romans 8:15-39
Week 13	1 John 1, 1 John 2, 1 John 3
Week 14	1 John 4, 1 John 5
Week 15	Mark 7, Mark 8, Mark 9
Week 16	Philippians 2, Philippians 3, Philippians 4
Week 17	2 Peter 3:8-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11, Romans 8:18-30
Week 18	Psalms 24, Psalm 25, Psalm 100
Week 19	Mark 10, Mark 11, Mark 12
Week 20	Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Corinthians 13
Week 21	Titus 1, Titus 2, Titus 3
Week 22	James 1, James 2
Week 23	James 3, James 4, James 5
Week 24	Mark 13, Mark 14, Mark 15, Mark 16