

Growing in Biblical Community and Fellowship

New Testament Daily Reading and Prayer Plan January–June 2024

**Focusing on the spiritual and relational aspects of living in
community and fellowship with the body of believers by:
*Reading – Contemplating – Praying – Applying***

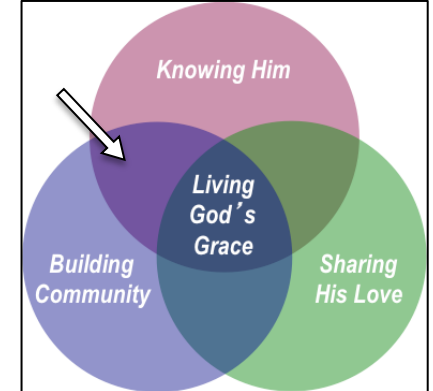


“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

Gig Harbor Adventist Fellowship

OUR CURRENT CONDITIONS

GHAF is weathering some tough times. Recently, two of our mission groups, Knowing Him (KH) and Building Community (BC), met in a combined team meeting to consider how to help. Having these teams work together is important because of the **interconnected spiritual and relational aspects of living in community and fellowship with the body of believers**. This spiritual and relational intersection is shown on our mission statement venn diagram, to the right.



At the meeting, one question posed was, “**What are the purposes, benefits, and opportunities for why we gather on Sabbath?**” Everyone separately wrote out their answers and then posted them on the wall. It was immediately seen that **community** and **fellowship** were the clear consensus.

It's true! Though we gather to worship God, we're doing so in community and fellowship. If not, we'd just worship God separately, each on our own.

The team's conversation expressed a clear **need and desire to strengthen our community and fellowship**. After the meeting, the answers to the above question were put into a word cloud, where word sizes are associated with the frequency of mentions in the answers. Beyond **community** and **fellowship** showing up as the dominant words, many other words mentioned in the answers also describe various aspects of community and fellowship; see the words circled below.

The above meeting specifically focused on how our Sabbath gatherings might be adapted to foster deeper community and fellowship. The team will be working on some experiments and changes will see these as we move forward over the next weeks and months. However, community and fellowship should go well beyond our Sabbath gatherings.

What practices can we do together during the rest of the week that will foster a deepening of our biblical community and fellowship?

This reading and prayer plan is one such shared practice to foster living out the relationships God desires for His body of believers. Reading, contemplating, praying, and applying the various relational aspects that will be studied will manifest benefits on Sabbath AND throughout the week.



WHY A NEW TESTAMENT READING PLAN?

The New Testament has various types of writings: Jesus' sermons, miracles, and interactions with people; theology about God, salvation, etc.; prophetic descriptions, and the like. But also, **threaded throughout the New Testament are many words from Jesus or the apostles giving guidance to the body of believers about living together in community, fellowship, and love.**

Whether the dozens of "one anothering" verses, or the hundreds more containing similar themes, the New Testament has a lot to say about how to live together as the body of believers.

Deep community and fellowship imply deep love. As quoted on the cover, Jesus said people would know we are His disciples by our love for one another (John 13:34-35). Jesus also said that the unity of believers with one another and with God shows the world God's credibility (John 17:20-21).

So this reading and prayer plan is intended to bring us all to deeper focus, clarity, and application regarding the numerous areas of guidance in the NT for **how we support, serve, grow, and love each other well.** And if we do that well, it will also overflow to the world!

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Romans 12:4-5

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Read – Each day's reading is **typically 1 or 2 chapters**, probably less than 10 minutes.

Contemplate – Capture notes about: **What is God teaching me that I can apply to living with the body of believers?** (If it's tough* applying this specific question, what else is God teaching me with these verses?).

*Stretch yourself. For example, John 3:16 is usually viewed as a verse about salvation. However, when focusing on the health of the community and fellowship of believers, you might ask yourself, "If God loves people THAT much, am I showing the same love to other believers?"

Pray – After absorbing the reading, **pray for discernment and strength to grow in these areas**, including talking to God about specific names and situations.

Apply – Throughout the week, **look for and plan ways to apply what you've been reading and praying about.** How can I bless and love someone in our body of believers to deepen our community and fellowship?

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Jan 1	Matt 1:1-2:18	
2	Matt 2:19-4:25	
3	Matt 5:1-42	
4	Matt 5:43-7:6	
5	Matt 7:7-8:27	

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6	Matt 8:28- 9:38	
7	Matt 10	
8	Matt 11:1- 12:8	
9	Matt 12:9- 12:50	
10	Matt 13:1- 13:52	

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11	Matt 13:53- 14:36	
12	Matt 15:1- 16:4	
13	Matt 16:5- 17:23	
14	Matt 17:24- 18:35	
15	Matt 19:1- 20:16	

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16	Matt 20:17- 21:27	
17	Matt 21:28- 22:33	
18	Matt 22:34- 23:36	
19	Matt 23:37- 24:35	
20	Matt 24:36- 25:30	

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21	Matt 25:31- 26:35	
22	Matt 26:36- 27:14	
23	Matt 27:15- 27:66	
24	Matt 28	
25	Mark 1:1-28	

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26	Mark 1:29- 2:12	
27	Mark 2:13- 3:19	
28	Mark 3:20- 4:34	
29	Mark 4:35- 5:43	
30	Mark 6:1- 6:44	

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31	Mark 6:45- 7:37	
Feb 1	Mark 8:1- 9:6	
2	Mark 9:7-50	
3	Mark 10:1- 40	
4	Mark 10:41- 11:33	

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6	Mark 13	
7	Mark 14:1-42	
8	Mark 14:43-72	
9	Mark 15	

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10	Mark 16	
11	Luke 1:1-45	
12	Luke 1:46-80	
13	Luke 2	
14	Luke 3	

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22	Luke 10:30-11:36	
23	Luke 11:37-12:12	
24	Luke 12:13-59	

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3	Luke 20	
4	Luke 21	
5	Luke 22:1-46	

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6	Luke 22:47-71	
7	Luke 23	
8	Luke 24	
9	John 1	
10	John 2	

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14	John 6:1-40	
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23	John 14, 15	
24	John 16, 17	
25	John 18	

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26	John 19	
27	John 20, 21	
28	Acts 1	
29	Acts 2	
30	Acts 3, 4	

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13	Acts 21	
14	Acts 22:1-23:11	

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15	Acts 23:12- 24:27	
16	Acts 25, 26	
17	Acts 27	
18	Acts 28	
19	Rom 1:1- 2:16	

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28	1 Cor 1, 2	
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May 1	1 Cor 7	
2	1 Cor 8, 9	
3	1 Cor 10:1- 11:16	
4	1 Cor 11:17- 12: 31	

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6	1 Cor 15:1- 49	
7	1 Cor 15:50- 16:24	
8	2 Cor 1, 2	
9	2 Cor 3:1- 5:11	

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10	2 Cor 5:12- 7:16	
11	2 Cor 8, 9	
12	2 Cor 10, 11	
13	2 Cor 12, 13	
14	Gal 1, 2	

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15	Gal 3, 4	
16	Gal 5, 6	
17	Eph 1, 2	
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20	Phil 1, 2	
21	Phil 3, 4	
22	Col 1, 2	
23	Col 3, 4	
24	1 Thess 1, 2, 3	

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27	1 Tim 1, 2, 3	
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30	2 Tim 1, 2	
31	2 Tim 3, 4	
Jun 1	Titus 1, 2, 3	
2	Phlm 1	
3	Heb 1, 2	

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6	Heb 7:1- 9:15	
7	Heb 9:16- 10:39	
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9	Heb 12, 13	
10	Jam 1	
11	Jam 2, 3	
12	Jam 4, 5	
13	1 Pet 1, 2	

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14	1 Pet 3, 4	
15	1 Pet 5 2 Pet 1	
16	2 Pet 2, 3	
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19	1 John 5 2 John 1	
20	3 John 1 Jude 1	
21	Rev 1, 2	
22	Rev 3, 4, 5	
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29	Rev 19, 20	
30	Rev 21, 22	