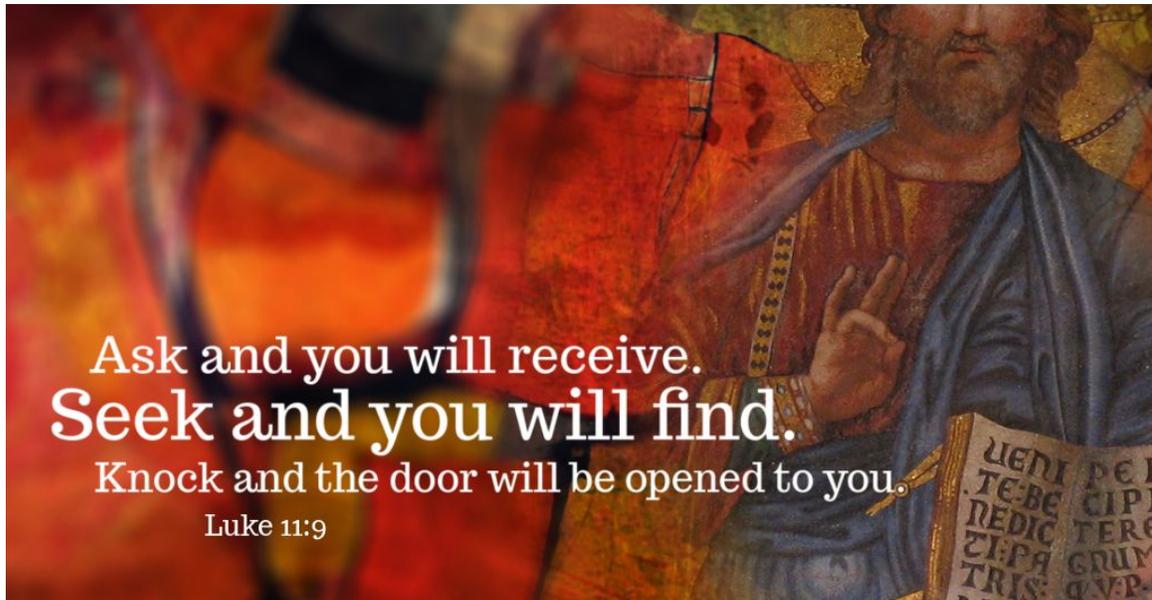




# Preston Meadow Lutheran Church's Summer Bible Challenge

*A Plan to Nurture Your Faith this Summer*





## Let us grow up into Christ who is our head (Eph 4:15)

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School teachers and administrators warn families about the dangers of abandoning all learning during the summer months. Children who don't practice their reading or rehearse any of their past year's learning during the summer months come back to school with a 1-2 month deficit from just 10 weeks earlier! The same can happen for us as followers of Christ. Summer is a good time to take a break from the normal routines of life, but let's not take a break from God's wisdom and direction for our lives. The Bible Challenge on the next page aims at growing our faith during the summer months and deepening our discipleship of Jesus.

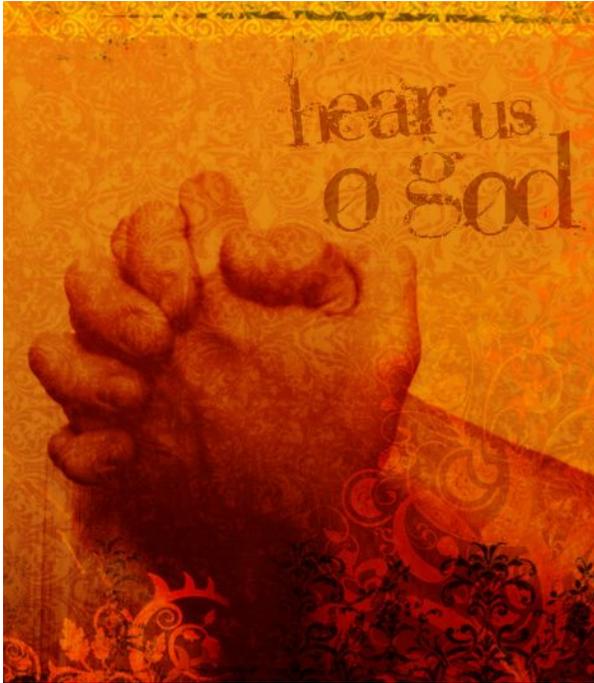
- 46% of Bible Users believe the most important Biblical Directive is: do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
- 36% believe it is: to love your neighbor as yourself.
- 8% think it is: go and make disciples.
- 2% think it is: to care for widows and orphans.

*(Source: The State of the Bible, 2019, produced by American Bible Society)*

"The Bible is a remarkable fountain: the more one draws and drinks of it,  
the more it stimulates thirst." -Martin Luther

<b>Week</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Focus Verse</b>
June 9-15	Luke 1-6	<i>For nothing will be impossible with God. -Lk 1:37</i>
June 16-22	Luke 7-12	<i>Let anyone who has ears to hear listen. -Lk 8:8</i>
June 23-29	Luke 13-18	<i>For all who exalts themselves will be humbled, and those who humbles themselves will be exalted. -Lk 14:11</i>
June 30 - July 6	Luke 19-24	<i>For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost. -Lk 19:10</i>
July 7 -13	Galatians	<i>For freedom Christ has set us free. -Gal 5:1</i>
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July 21-27	Philippians	<i>My goal is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection... -Phil 3:10</i>
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Aug 4 -10	1 Timothy	<i>Don't neglect the gift that is in you ... -1 Tim 4:14</i>
Aug 11-17	2 Timothy	<i>For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. -2 Tim 1:7</i>
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Aug 25-31	1 John	<i>For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. -1 John 3:11</i>

\*\* Tips: Try a different version of the Bible than you are used to in order to encounter God's Word in a fresh way. Or download a Bible App ([YouVersion Bible is the most popular](#)), and listen to the Bible while taking a walk or on your daily commute.



### How to Read Your Bible

1. Center yourself in the moment by taking a couple of deep breaths.
2. Say a simple prayer: *Lord, open my eyes and ears to see and hear what you want to say to me today. Amen.*
3. Pay attention to the words or verses that draw your attention the most. Underline and highlight those items if you'd like. How is God connecting to you through those words?
4. Don't spend a lot of time trying to figure out the confusing stuff. People can get frustrated and abandon the endeavor completely.
5. Jot down a question you might have and send it to the pastors. We're happy to reflect with you.
6. Wrap up your time with a final simple prayer. *Lord, thanks for your Word today and for showing me that you care for me and all others. Amen.*
7. Share, share, share. Let someone know about what connected with you. Post it on social media, write an encouraging note to someone, or tell someone close to you.
8. If you get behind, don't fret. Find a pace to catch back up, or restart in the current week.

We're praying for you and your summer! May God be present in and through all the events, travel, and breaks you get. May you discover God's presence deeply embedded in the words of Scripture you read. May God connect you to Christ so that you can share in his mission of grace for this world. Amen!

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