

2024 BIBLE READING PLAN



Redeemer Community Church

APRIL

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PRAYING SCRIPTURE

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Do you ever feel like you're praying "the same old thing about the same old thing?" I read that phrase in Donald Whitney's *Praying the Scriptures*; it is uncomfortably close to how my prayer life often feels.

Whitney goes on to write that "praying the Bible" – using the words of the Scriptures to prompt our own prayers – can change how we pray about "the same old things." For example, if I have a difficult decision to make at work, I might just ask God, "Please give me wisdom." But if I first read James 3:17 – "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere" – I might pray something more like this:

God, please make my heart pure and peaceable as I consider this decision. Let me be open to reason, full of mercy, and not partial to others. May I be sincerely devoted to your glory and the good of others in my actions.

I'm still praying for wisdom; but letting Scripture prompt and guide my prayer leads me to be focused on the godly character of true wisdom as I pray. It gives me a new way to pray about "the same old thing;" and it also might cause me to reflect more on my own soul. It introduces "a new thing" to pray about that's close to God's heart.

REJOICE, REPENT, REQUEST

Kevin DeYoung shared this [three-part framework](#) for praying a passage of Scripture.

I might see something that leads me to **rejoice**: to celebrate who God is or what he has done. That James 3 passage might lead me to pray something like:

God, wisdom reflects your character. So you are pure, peaceable, gentle, and the rest of these qualities. How wonderful that the holy and awesome God of the universe is also gentle and full of mercy!

I might read something that leads me to **repent**: to realize a failing or temptation I need to confess and turn from. I might pray:

God, I am tempted to be unmerciful in this decision, and I have in the past been partial to people who can advance my career. Please forgive me, and help me act with the true wisdom that comes from you.

And finally, I might read something that can become a **request**: a good thing or good quality that I can ask of God. I might read it and pray:

God, please give me your wisdom, and help me distinguish that from the "wisdom" of the world. Help me have a pure devotion to you, a willingness to hear reason, and a sincere love for others when I make decisions.

The beauty of letting Scripture inform our prayers in this way is that there's not "one right way to pray:" one text might lead us to pray in different ways at different times of our lives. But letting the word of God guide our prayers helps us connect our hearts - our longings, fears, loves, and struggles - to the eternal truths of the faith.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR APRIL

INTRODUCTORY

Overviews to this month's books:

- + Bible Project: Overview of Deuteronomy ([video](#))
- + Bible Project: Overview of Luke ([video](#))

INTERMEDIATE

Study Bible intro notes (context, themes, outlines, etc.) on:

- + [Deuteronomy](#)
- + [Luke](#)

DEEPER

Commentaries

- + Matthew Henry (1700s) wrote a commentary on the whole Bible that you can find chapter by chapter [here](#).
- + Alastair Roberts (modern) has a set of audio commentaries on every chapter of the Bible you can find [here](#).
- + Consider a recommended commentary on [Deuteronomy](#) or [Luke](#)

PRAYER POINTS FOR APRIL

Tuesdays: Pray for non-Christian friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers.

Pray that God would help you take a next step in helping them understand the gospel, and pray that he would bring them from spiritual death to spiritual life.

Wednesdays: Pray for the youth ministry of Redeemer:

- + Pray that their guy and girl fellowship events would foster deeper community.
- + Pray that their end-of-semester camping trip would build deeper fellowship among the students.
- + Pray that the students would learn and grow from completing their study of Daniel and Haggai.
- + Pray that the graduating seniors would be sent out well and continue growing spiritually.

Thursdays: Pray for our global and local partners:

Pray for the Webbers, serving in Kenya:

- + Pray for balance in this busy season of onboarding new teammates, Derek overseeing work projects, Lauren mentoring their Serge intern, and their family hosting visitors.
- + Pray for wisdom, courage, and blessing on the Chogoria Hospital leadership: that they would be a beacon of Gospel light in this community.
- + Pray for the ongoing recovery of their daughter, who is struggling with medical issues.

Pray for International Ministry (and email [Ethan Campbell](#) or [Katherine Broussard](#) if you'd like to get involved):

- + Pray that the Lord would provide more workers for the ministry.
- + Pray that God would "open blind eyes" by helping people see their spiritual need and the light of the gospel.

Fridays: Pray for renewal.

Pray that God would renew your love for him, your hatred of sin, and your zeal for his kingdom.

HAPPENING AT REDEEMER

MEN'S RETREAT

Join us for a weekend of fellowship, prayer, and fun! Our men's retreat will be **April 12-14** at Camp Skyline in Mentone. Olan Stubbs, Executive Director of Campus Outreach, will teach on prayer. Come to deepen your relationship with God and your friendships with brothers in Christ! Follow this link to [register & learn more](#).

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

We have a new round of Discipleship classes beginning this month! Visit our [website](#) to learn more and register.

Pressure - April 2-30

"The greater the pressure, the more it presses us to Jesus." Retired pastor Danny Wood will lead a study on Numbers 11-14, considering how pressure can lead us toward greater trust in God.

Stewardship - April 7 - May 12

This six-week class helps teach principles of a whole-life stewardship, including a framework for considering our role as stewards of God's resources, confidence in our ability to steward what God has given us, and wisdom for living with greater generosity and freedom.

Growing in Grace - April 14 - May 19

In this class, we consider how we can grow deeper in understanding the gospel and applying it to our lives.

COMMON MEAL

Common meals are times for our congregation to fellowship and meet one another around a meal! Our first of the season is Sunday, April 28 at Avondale Brewery at 5:30 p.m.

PARENT PODCAST CLUB

Connor Coskery, our youth minister, will lead a discussion on a variety of podcasts focusing on the discipleship of elementary and teenage boys and girls. The first meeting will be Sunday, April 14 at 11:15. Learn more and register [here](#).

STORIES FROM THE NATIONS

Our next Stories from the Nations, where we hear from our global and local missions partners, is happening on April 21. Check the website for more information!

SERVE AT REDEEMER

We have many opportunities for you to **serve** at Redeemer and in our city. Follow [this link](#) to learn more.

APRIL 1-7

April 1

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon yesterday?
2. How should Jesus' resurrection give us comfort and hope?
3. Read Romans 6:5-11. How does resurrection give us a pattern for seeking to grow in godliness?
4. Who is someone in your life who needs the hope of the resurrection? How can you try to share that with them this week?

April 2: Numbers 13-14, 2 Corinthians 5

Pray for non-Christians

April 3: Numbers 20, 2 Corinthians 6

Pray for Redeemer's youth and youth leaders

April 4: Numbers 27:12-23, 2 Corinthians 7-8

Pray for the Webbers and International Ministry

April 5: Numbers 28:1-29:11, 2 Corinthians 9

Pray for personal renewal

April 6: Mark 8:1-21

April 7: Psalms 40-42

Psalm 40

"But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!"
 (40:16-17) Spend time proclaiming in prayer how you have seen God as your own helper and deliverer. Ask God to create in you a heart that seeks Him and rejoices continually, loves His salvation, and exclaims His greatness.

Psalm 41

"As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" (41:4) Take some time to confess your sins to the Lord. Ask Him to reveal sin that you may not see yourself. Create space for your heart to experience His grace and be transformed by His healing.

Psalm 42

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." (42:11) What are things that lead your soul to be downcast? Take them to the Lord and ask Him to replace your turmoil with hope and praise.

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APRIL 8-14

April 8: Mark 8:1-21

1. What stood out to you most from the text or the sermon, if you heard the sermon?
2. What does this passage tell us about Jesus' heart?
3. This passage mirrors a similar miracle of feeding the five thousand in Mark 6:30-44. What significance might there be in the repetition of this miraculous feeding, and what does it tell us about Jesus' provision and care?
4. Why do you think the Pharisees were specifically asking for a sign from heaven? How does Jesus respond to their request?
5. Look up the definition of leaven. Why is Jesus telling his disciples to watch out for the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod? What is he saying his disciples need instead? Consider reading John 6:30-59 to help you answer.
6. The disciples seem to struggle with understanding Jesus' teachings and miracles, as seen in their discussion about not having enough bread starting in verse 14. Why do you think they still struggle to believe? When are you most prone to doubt that Jesus is who he says he is?

April 9: Deuteronomy 1:1-2:25, 2 Corinthians 10

Pray for non-Christians

April 10: Deuteronomy 3:23-4:49, 2 Corinthians 11

Pray for Redeemer's youth and youth leaders

April 11: Deuteronomy 5-6, 2 Corinthians 12

Pray for the Webbers and International Ministry

April 12: Deuteronomy 7:1-9:12, 2 Corinthians 13

Pray for personal renewal

April 13: Mark 8:22-30

April 14: Psalms 43-45

Psalm 43

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God" (43:5). Proclaim to yourself reasons

why God is praiseworthy both to encourage your own soul and to worship him.

Psalm 44

"Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever! Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression (44:23-24)?" Are there any areas of life in which you feel like the Lord is sleeping or hiding his face from you? Boldly ask him to reveal himself to you and beg him to answer your prayers in these areas.

Psalm 45

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness (45:6)." Humble yourself before our King. Ask him to lead you on paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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APRIL 15-21

April 15: Mark 8:22-30

1. What stood out to you most from the text or the sermon, if you heard the sermon?
2. Read verses 22-25. We see Jesus touch the man’s eyes twice, gradually healing his vision. What does this tell us about the way Jesus heals? How do you see this gradual process of healing in your own life?
3. Jesus commands the healed man, saying, “Do not even enter the village.” Why do you think Jesus asks him this?
4. Read verse 27. We know that Jesus knows who He is and is not reliant upon the opinions of others, so what is His purpose in asking this question?
5. Jesus follows up with a second question in verse 29. It was fine for the disciples to know what others thought about Jesus, but He had to ask them what they believed about Him. With this in mind, who do you say that Jesus is?
6. The past 8 chapters of Mark have continually presented Jesus as healer and redeemer, proclaiming exactly what Peter says in verse 29. How should the miraculous healings and teachings of Jesus that we’ve seen in Mark lead us to the understanding of Him as the Messiah?

April 16: Deuteronomy 10-11, Luke 1

Pray for non-Christians

April 17: Deuteronomy 14:1-16:8, Luke 2

Pray for Redeemer’s youth and youth leaders

April 18: Deuteronomy 17:14-18:22, Luke 3

Pray for the Webbers and International Ministry

April 19: Deuteronomy 28, Luke 4

Pray for personal renewal

April 20: Mark 8:31-9:1

April 21: Psalms 46-48

Psalm 46

“Be still, and know that I am God.” Set a five-minute timer and simply be still, outwardly and inwardly, before God. Try to listen to him with inner and outer silence.

Psalm 47

“Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!” Spend time just praising God for who he is.

Psalm 48

Pray that God would be worshiped, glorified, and proclaimed by the “new Zion” of his Church.

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APRIL 22-28

April 22: Mark 8:31-9:1

1. What stood out to you most from the text or the sermon, if you heard the sermon?
2. Why do you think Jesus had to suffer, be rejected, and killed rather than just snapping his fingers to forgive all sins? (While there are many answers to this question, consider looking at Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 1 Peter 2:21-25 if you are struggling to answer)
3. What helps you to set your mind on the things of God rather than the things of man (8:33)?
4. If Jesus had to suffer and if he calls us to “follow him” (8:34), what does that say about what we should expect our Christian lives to look like?
5. In what ways do you think God might be calling you to “deny yourself and take up your cross” right now?
6. Read Philippians 3:8-11. How can this passage encourage you in times when you “share in his sufferings?”

April 23: Deuteronomy 29-30, Luke 5

Pray for non-Christians

April 24: Deuteronomy 31, Luke 6

Pray for Redeemer’s youth and youth leaders

April 25: Deuteronomy 32, Luke 7

Pray for the Webbers and International Ministry

April 26: Deuteronomy 33-34, Luke 8

Pray for personal renewal

April 27: Mark 9:2-13

April 28: Psalms 49-51

Psalm 49

“Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.” Pray that God would give you wisdom to let go of worldly goods and trust wholly in him.

Psalm 50

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” Pray gratitude for God’s blessings, and ask for faithfulness to follow his will for you.

Psalm 51

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Confess the sins weighing on your conscience, thank God for his forgiving grace, and ask him for a “broken and contrite heart.”

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YEARLY PLAN OVERVIEW

JANUARY

1. Mark 4:1-21
2. Genesis 1:1-2:3, John 1
3. Genesis 2:4-25, John 2-3
4. Genesis 3, John 4
5. Genesis 4, John 5
6. Mark 4:21-34
7. Psalms 1-3
8. Mark 4:21-34
9. Genesis 6, John 6
10. Genesis 7, John 7
11. Genesis 8:1-19, John 8
12. Genesis 8:20-9:29, John 9
13. Mark 4:35-41
14. Psalms 4-6
15. Mark 4:35-41
16. Genesis 11:1-9, John 10
17. Genesis 12:1-9, John 11
18. Genesis 15, John 12
19. Genesis 16, John 13
20. Mark 5:1-20
21. Psalms 7-9
22. Mark 5:1-20
23. Genesis 17, John 14
24. Genesis 21:1-21, John 15
25. Genesis 22 - 23, John 16
26. Genesis 24, John 17
27. Mark 5:21-43
28. Psalms 10-12
29. Mark 5:21-43
30. Genesis 25, John 18
31. Genesis 27, John 19

FEBRUARY

1. Genesis 29:1-30:24, John 20
2. Genesis 32-33, John 21
3. Sermon Passage
4. Psalms 13-15
5. Sermon Passage
6. Genesis 35, Romans 1
7. Genesis 37, Romans 2
8. Genesis 39, Romans 3
9. Genesis 40-41, Romans 4
10. Sermon Passage
11. Psalms 16-18
12. Sermon Passage
13. Genesis 42-43, Romans 5
14. Genesis 44-45, Romans 6
15. Genesis 46-47, Romans 7
16. Genesis 48-49; 50:15-21, Romans 8
17. Sermon Passage
18. Psalms 19-21
19. Sermon Passage
20. Exodus 1-2, Romans 9
21. Exodus 3-4, Romans 10
22. Exodus 7-8, Romans 11
23. Exodus 9-10, Romans 12
24. Sermon Passage
25. Psalms 22-24
26. Sermon Passage
27. Exodus 11-12, Romans 13
28. Exodus 13-14, Romans 14
29. Exodus 16-17, Romans 15

MARCH

1. Exodus 19:1-20:21, Romans 16
2. Sermon Passage
3. Psalms 25-27
4. Sermon Passage
5. Exodus 24:1-25:22, 1 Corinthians 1
6. Exodus 26, 1 Corinthians 2-3
7. Exodus 32-33, 1 Corinthians 4
8. Exodus 34; Exodus 40,
1 Corinthians 5
9. Sermon Passage
10. Psalms 28-30
11. Sermon Passage
12. Leviticus 1, 1 Corinthians 6-7
13. Leviticus 4, 1 Corinthians 8-9
14. Leviticus 11, 1 Corinthians 10
15. Leviticus 16, 1 Corinthians 11
16. Sermon Passage
17. Psalms 31-33
18. Sermon Passage
19. Leviticus 19, 1 Corinthians 12-13
20. Leviticus 23, 1 Corinthians 14
21. Leviticus 25, 1 Corinthians 15
22. Leviticus 26, 1 Corinthians 16
23. Sermon Passage
24. Psalms 34-36
25. Sermon Passage
26. Numbers 1-2, 2 Corinthians 1
27. Numbers 6:1-7:17, 2 Corinthians 2
28. Numbers 9-10, 2 Corinthians 3
29. Numbers 11, 2 Corinthians 4
30. Sermon Passage
31. Psalms 37-39

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1. Sermon Passage
2. Numbers 13-14, 2 Corinthians 5
3. Numbers 20, 2 Corinthians 6
4. Numbers 27:12-23,
2 Corinthians 7-8
5. Numbers 28:1-29:11,
2 Corinthians 9
6. Sermon Passage
7. Psalms 40-42
8. Sermon Passage
9. Deuteronomy 1:1-2:25,
2 Corinthians 10
10. Deuteronomy 3:23-4:49,
2 Corinthians 11
11. Deuteronomy 5-6, 2 Corinthians 12
12. Deuteronomy 7:1-9:12,
2 Corinthians 13
13. Sermon Passage
14. Psalms 43-45
15. Sermon Passage
16. Deuteronomy 10-11, Luke 1
17. Deuteronomy 14:1-16:8, Luke 2
18. Deuteronomy 17:14-18:22, Luke 3
19. Deuteronomy 28, Luke 4
20. Sermon Passage
21. Psalms 46-48
22. Sermon Passage
23. Deuteronomy 29-30, Luke 5
24. Deuteronomy 31, Luke 6
25. Deuteronomy 32, Luke 7
26. Deuteronomy 33-34, Luke 8
27. Sermon Passage
28. Psalms 49-51
29. Sermon Passage
30. Joshua 1-2, Luke 9

MAY

1. Joshua 3, Luke 10
2. Joshua 6-7, Luke 11
3. Joshua 23-24, Luke 12
4. Sermon Passage
5. Psalms 52-54
6. Sermon Passage
7. Judges 1-2, Luke 13
8. Judges 4-5, Luke 14
9. Judges 6:11-8:35, Luke 15
10. Judges 20-21, Luke 16
11. Sermon Passage
12. Psalms 55-57
13. Sermon Passage
14. Ruth 1-2, Luke 17
15. Ruth 3-4, Luke 18
16. 1 Samuel 1-2, Luke 19
17. 1 Samuel 3-4, Luke 20
18. Sermon Passage
19. Psalms 58-60
20. Sermon Passage
21. 1 Samuel 6-7, Luke 21
22. 1 Samuel 8-9, Luke 22
23. 1 Samuel 10-11, Luke 23
24. 1 Samuel 15-16, Luke 24
25. Sermon Passage
26. Psalms 61-63
27. Sermon Passage
28. 1 Samuel 17-18, Acts 1
29. 1 Samuel 19-20, Acts 2
30. 1 Samuel 24-25, Acts 3
31. 1 Samuel 30-31, Acts 4

JUNE

1. Sermon Passage
2. Psalms 64-66
3. Sermon Passage
4. 2 Samuel 1:1-2:7, Acts 5-6
5. 2 Samuel 5-6, Acts 7
6. 2 Samuel 7, Acts 8
7. 2 Samuel 9, Acts 9
8. Sermon Passage
9. Psalms 67-69
10. Sermon Passage
11. 2 Samuel 11-12, Acts 10
12. 2 Samuel 23-24, Acts 11-12
13. 1 Kings 1-2, Acts 13
14. 1 Kings 3-4, Acts 14
15. Sermon Passage
16. Psalms 70-72
17. Sermon Passage
18. 1 Kings 5-6, Acts 15
19. 1 Kings 8, Acts 16
20. 1 Kings 11:1-12:24, Acts 17
21. 1 Kings 15:8-16:34, Acts 18
22. Sermon Passage
23. Psalms 73-75
24. Sermon Passage
25. 1 Kings 17:1-18:19, Acts 19
26. 1 Kings 18:20-19:21, Acts 20
27. 2 Kings 1-2, Acts 21
28. 2 Kings 17, Acts 22-23
29. Sermon Passage
30. Psalms 76-78

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JULY

1. Sermon Passage
2. 2 Kings 18, Acts 24-25
3. 2 Kings 19-20, Acts 26
4. 2 Kings 22-23, Acts 27
5. 2 Kings 24:1-25:21, Acts 28
6. Sermon Passage
7. Psalms 79-81
8. Sermon Passage
9. 1 Chronicles 1-2, Galatians 1:1-2:14
10. 1 Chronicles 28-29, Galatians 2:15-3:29
11. 2 Chronicles 1, Galatians 4:1-5:15
12. 2 Chronicles 5-7, Galatians 5:16-6:18
13. Sermon Passage
14. Psalms 82-84
15. Sermon Passage
16. 2 Chronicles 8-9, Ephesians 1:1-2:10
17. 2 Chronicles 29-30, Ephesians 2:11-3:21
18. 2 Chronicles 34, Ephesians 4:1-5:21
19. 2 Chronicles 35-36, Ephesians 5:22-6:24
20. Sermon Passage
21. Psalms 85-87
22. Sermon Passage
23. Ezra 1; 3, Philippians 1
24. Ezra 6-7, Philippians 2
25. Nehemiah 1-2, Philippians 3
26. Nehemiah 3-4, Philippians 4
27. Sermon Passage
28. Psalms 88-90
29. Sermon Passage
30. Nehemiah 8-9, Colossians 1
31. Nehemiah 13, Colossians 2

AUGUST

1. Esther 1-3, Colossians 3
2. Esther 4-5, Colossians 4
3. Sermon Passage
4. Psalms 91-93
5. Sermon Passage
6. Esther 6-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16
7. Esther 8-10, 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13
8. Job 1-2, 1 Thessalonians 4
9. Job 3-4, 1 Thessalonians 5
10. Sermon Passage
11. Psalms 94-96
12. Sermon Passage
13. Job 19-20, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12
14. Job 38-39, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:18
15. Job 40, 1 Timothy 1
16. Job 41-42, 1 Timothy 2
17. Sermon Passage
18. Psalms 97-99
19. Sermon Passage
20. Proverbs 1-2, 1 Timothy 3
21. Proverbs 3-4, 1 Timothy 4
22. Proverbs 8-9, 1 Timothy 5
23. Proverbs 10-11, 1 Timothy 6
24. Sermon Passage
25. Psalms 100-102
26. Sermon Passage
27. Proverbs 15-16, 2 Timothy 1
28. Proverbs 27-28, 2 Timothy 2
29. Proverbs 31, 2 Timothy 3
30. Ecclesiastes 1-2, 2 Timothy 4
31. Sermon Passage

SEPTEMBER

1. Psalms 103-105
2. Sermon Passage
3. Ecclesiastes 3-4, Titus 1
4. Ecclesiastes 12, Titus 2
5. Song of Solomon 1-2, Titus 3
6. Song of Solomon 8, Philemon
7. Sermon Passage
8. Psalms 106-108
9. Sermon Passage
10. Isaiah 1-2, Hebrews 1-2
11. Isaiah 5, Hebrews 3-4
12. Isaiah 6-7, Hebrews 5-6
13. Isaiah 9, Isaiah 11, Hebrews 7
14. Sermon Passage
15. Psalms 109-111
16. Sermon Passage
17. Isaiah 24-25, Hebrews 8-9
18. Isaiah 26-27, Hebrews 10
19. Isaiah 30, Hebrews 11:1-12:4
20. Isaiah 40-41, Hebrews 12:5-13:25
21. Sermon Passage
22. Psalms 112-114
23. Sermon Passage
24. Isaiah 42-43, Matthew 1-2
25. Isaiah 49-50, Matthew 3-4
26. Isaiah 52-53, Matthew 5
27. Isaiah 55-56, Matthew 6-7
28. Sermon Passage
29. Psalms 115-117
30. Sermon Passage

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OCTOBER

1. Isaiah 58-59, Matthew 8
2. Isaiah 60-61, Matthew 9
3. Isaiah 62-63, Matthew 10
4. Isaiah 65-66, Matthew 11
5. Sermon Passage
6. Psalms 118
7. Sermon Passage
8. Jeremiah 1-2, Matthew 12
9. Jeremiah 9-10, Matthew 13
10. Jeremiah 13-14, Matthew 14
11. Jeremiah 25, Matthew 15
12. Sermon Passage
13. Psalms 119: 1-96
14. Sermon Passage
15. Jeremiah 29-30, Matthew 16
16. Jeremiah 31, 33, Matthew 17
17. Jeremiah 52, Lamentations 1
Matthew 18
18. Lamentations 3, Matthew 19-20
19. Sermon Passage
20. Psalms 199:97-176
21. Sermon Passage
22. Ezekiel 1, Matthew 21
23. Ezekiel 2-3, Matthew 22
24. Ezekiel 4-5, Matthew 23
25. Ezekiel 10-11, Matthew 24
26. Sermon Passage
27. Psalms 120-122
28. Sermon Passage
29. Ezekiel 15-16, Matthew 25
30. Ezekiel 33-34, Matthew 26
31. Ezekiel 36-37, Matthew 27

NOVEMBER

1. Ezekiel 39:21-40:19; 48:30-35
Matthew 28
2. Sermon Passage
3. Psalms 123-125
4. Sermon Passage
5. Daniel 1-2, James 1
6. Daniel 3-4, James 2
7. Daniel 5-6, James 3:1-4:12
8. Daniel 7, Daniel 12,
James 4:13-5:20
9. Sermon Passage
10. Psalms 126-128
11. Sermon Passage
12. Hosea 1-2, 1 Peter 1:1-2:10
13. Hosea 3-4, 1 Peter 2:11-3:12
14. Hosea 10-11, 1 Peter 3:13-4:11
15. Hosea 13-14, 1 Peter 4:12-5:14
16. Sermon Passage
17. Psalms 129-131
18. Sermon Passage
19. Joel 1-2, 2 Peter 1
20. Amos 1-2, 2 Peter 2
21. Amos 5-6, 2 Peter 3
22. Amos 9, Jude
23. Sermon Passage
24. Psalms 132-134
25. Sermon Passage
26. Obadiah, 1 John 1:1-2:17
27. Jonah 1-2, 1 John 2:18-3:10
28. Jonah 3-4, 1 John 3:11- 4:21
29. Micah 1-2, 1 John 5
30. Sermon Passage

DECEMBER

1. Psalms 135-137
2. Sermon Passage
3. Micah 4-5, 2 John
4. Micah 6-7, 3 John
5. Nahum 1, Revelation 1-2
6. Nahum 2-3, Revelation 3
7. Sermon Passage
8. Psalms 138-140
9. Sermon Passage
10. Habakkuk 1-2, Revelation 4
11. Habakkuk 3, Revelation 5-6
12. Zephaniah 1-2, Revelation 7
13. Zephaniah 3, Revelation 8-9
14. Sermon Passage
15. Psalms 141-143
16. Sermon Passage
17. Haggai, Revelation 10-11
18. Zechariah 1 and 3, Revelation
12-13
19. Zechariah 7-8, Revelation 14
20. Zechariah 9-10, Revelation 15-16
21. Sermon Passage
22. Psalms 144-147
23. Sermon Passage
24. Zechariah 11-12, Revelation 17-18
25. Zechariah 13-14, Revelation 19-20
26. Malachi 1-2, Revelation 21
27. Malachi 3-4, Revelation 22
28. Sermon Passage
29. Psalms 148-150
30. Sermon Passage
31. End of the year reflection

HOW TO APPROACH THE BIBLE

At Redeemer, we believe that the Holy Scriptures are the unfolding revelation of the greatness and graciousness of the Triune God, they declare the covenant promises of His Kingdom and His people, and they instruct from generation to generation the great deeds of the Lord.

Despite the fact that the Bible was written by 40 authors on 3 continents over thousands of years, it tells one coherent story. From beginning to end, the 66 books of the Bible tell the story of our all-powerful and loving King and Rescuer. This King made us in His image, but we, desiring to take His place, rebelled and incurred his just and holy wrath- but far from that being the tragic end to the story, it was merely the title page. For thousands of years, God's foreordained, perfect plan was coming to fruition. God Himself would come to earth- to live the life required of us, die the death that we deserved, and reconcile us to Himself by His own blood.

The Scriptures are one of God's means of grace to us, written under the inspiration of His Spirit so that we might know Him and enjoy Him forever. As J.I. Packer has written, "The word which God addresses directly to us is an instrument not only of government but also of fellowship. He made us with the intention that we might walk together forever in a love relationship. But such a relationship can exist only when the parties know something of each other. God, our Maker, knows all about us before we say anything; but we can know nothing of him unless he tells us. Therefore, God sends his word...to woo us as well as to instruct us."

This means that the Bible cannot merely be read merely intellectually. There is nothing given to us in the Bible simply to be known. His Word has been given to us that we might know Him through it, and, by the power of His Spirit, be changed into His likeness by it. His Word is a vehicle for your communion with the thrice-holy, living, gracious God, given to you because God wants you to know and love Him, even as He knows and loves you.

THE HEAR METHOD

Each month, we will be including a different suggested method for reading Scripture. This month, we are including the HEAR method which is a four step method that both helps us understand and interact with each passage of scripture

The most important thing in beginning Bible study is simply to come before the Lord prayerfully, patiently, and persistently. However, whether we realize it or not, each of us has a “method” in how we approach God’s Word, and some methods are more helpful than others. The HEAR Method was developed by Robby Gallaty, and we have found it particularly useful, because it sets the table well for any Christian, providing the tools necessary to mine a spiritual gem in 10 minutes, as well as to dig deep for an hour.

HIGHLIGHT, EXPLAIN, APPLY, RESPOND.

Highlight: What is the main point? Is there a verse or phrase that captures it?

Explain: What does this passage mean? Try to summarize its meaning in your own words. A proper interpretation of any passage must:

- Be clearly reflected in the text
- Be timeless
- Not be culturally bound
- Correspond to the rest of Scripture
- Be relevant both to the Biblical audience as well as a contemporary audience

A few questions to ask to uncover the meaning of a passage:

- What do the key terms mean?
- How do the verses or phrases relate to each other?
- How does this passage fit into the larger story of the book it is in?
- How does this passage relate to the story of the Bible as a whole?
- How does this passage speak about or point to Jesus or our need?

Apply: How should this passage apply to my life today?

- Is there an application already in the text?
- Is there sin to confess, a promise to claim, a command to obey?
- What would the main point of this verse practically look like in my life today?

Respond: Is there anything I need to remember, rejoice in, request, or repent of?

- How does this show me something about the character of God for which I can praise him? (What happens in my life when I forget this?)
- How does this show me something wrong with me — some sin of which this convicts me — for which I can repent? (How does my faith and salvation in Christ help me escape this?)
- How does this show me something that I need that I should be petitioning God for? (What do I lack in my life that I should seeking?)

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

We use the word “gospel” a lot, because it’s the word that summarizes the basic Christian message. “Gospel” means “good news,” and the Christian gospel is the good news of what God has done for us through Jesus. Here are two ways to understand the gospel message.

GOD SAVES SINNERS

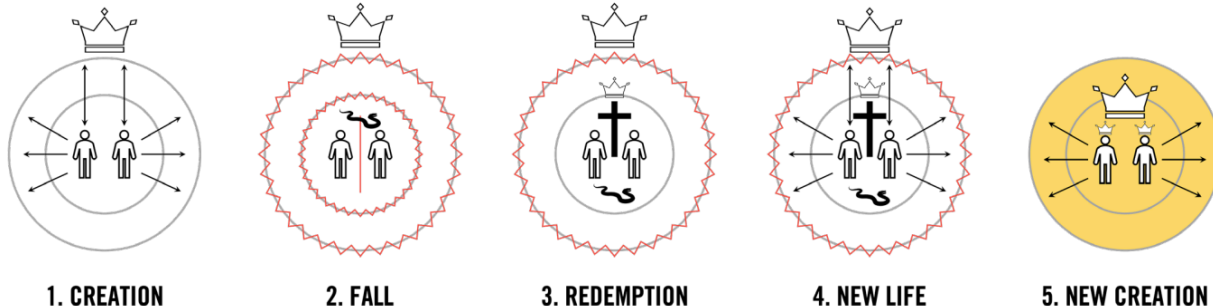
J.I. Packer offers a short definition of the gospel as “God saves sinners:”

God – the Triune Jehovah, Father, Son and Spirit; three Persons working together in sovereign wisdom, power and love to achieve the salvation of a chosen people, the Father electing, the Son fulfilling the Father’s will by redeeming, the Spirit executing the purpose of Father and Son by renewing.

Saves – does everything, first to last, that is involved in bringing man from death in sin to life in glory: plans, achieves and communicates redemption, calls and keeps, justifies, sanctifies, glorifies.

Sinners – men as God finds them, guilty, vile, helpless, powerless, unable to lift a finger to do God’s will or better their spiritual lot. God saves sinners... sinners do not save themselves in any sense at all, but that salvation, first and last, whole and entire, past, present and future, is of the Lord, to whom be glory for ever; amen.

THE GOSPEL IN FIVE CIRCLES



It begins with Creation: God makes us for relationship with him and to reflect his glory. God wants a relationship with his people, and he made us to cultivate his kingdom in the world by developing it and filling it with people who bear his image and live in a faithful covenant with him.

But then comes the Fall: the world (and our lives) are ruined by our rebellion. We listened to the fallen angel called the Serpent (Satan), abandoning God’s plan for our own, and as a result our souls, our relationships, and the entire world are corrupted by sin, decay, and death.

Thankfully, God doesn’t leave us there: God rescues and reconciles us through his Redeemer. God the Son entered the world as the divine-human Jesus to break the power of the Serpent, die as a sacrificial lamb to pay the price for our rebellion, and reconcile us to God.

Now in Jesus, we have New Life: God restores us to be able to reflect his glory again. When we come to belong to Jesus by faith, we are adopted into God’s family and empowered to live like God (in holiness and love) and for God’s kingdom in the world.

And it gets better! One day, God will re-create the world perfectly and rest forever with his people. There will be no more sin, suffering, or evil, and we will live in resurrected bodies in a reunited heaven and earth with God.