

New Testament Bible Reading Plan

3 ways to get the most out of your experience:

1. **Commit to reading the Bible every day for 8 weeks.** Only God's Word has the power to transform lives. What better way to start the new year than by reading the New Testament over the next 8 weeks - together! We will be using a unique reading plan, so the order will be a little different than what is found in your Bible's Table of Contents. This format is intended to help us gain a better understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by grouping books by author and original audience.
2. **Commit to making this a community experience.** Scripture was originally intended for God's people to encounter together in groups, so we want to encourage you to identify your group before you start. By meeting each week in small groups and discussing what you read, you and your community can sharpen each other and be transformed through an authentic experience with the Scriptures.
3. **Aim to understand the big story.** One of the benefits to reading through the New Testament at one time is to gain a better understanding of how the books of the Bible work together to tell God's story of His creation's restoration. As you read, rather than ask, "How do I fit God into my busy life?" begin asking, "How can I join in God's great plan by living out my part in His story?"

One other thought: please don't skip sections of scripture. All scripture is God-breathed and inspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and worthy of our time and attention. So if you happen to miss a day and don't have time to "catch up", that's fine. Just be sure to make note of what chapters you missed so that you can go back and complete when you have time. We intentionally limited each day's reading to passages that can be completed in approximately 20 minutes. You can do this!

4 Questions to consider before meeting with your small group each week:

1. What stood out to you this week?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling?
3. Did anything make you think differently about God?
4. How might this change the way we live?

How is this Bible Reading Plan Organized?

Luke-Acts is a two-volume history of the early Christian movement written by a Greek physician named Luke, a traveling companion of the apostle Paul. Luke's two volumes and Paul's letters were addressed primarily to Gentile Audiences and are fittingly grouped together.

- Luke-Acts
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- 1 & 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Romans
- Philemon
- Colossians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- 1 Timothy
- Titus
- 2 Timothy

The Gospel of Mark is based largely on the apostle Peter's memoirs, so it is grouped with Peter's letters and a similar letter from Jude.

- Mark
- 1 & 2 Peter
- Jude

The Gospel of Matthew was addressed primarily to Jewish believers, as were the books of Hebrews and James.

- Matthew
- Hebrews
- James

The Gospel of John is grouped together with John's letters, which were addressed to the same communities.

- John
- 1, 2 & 3 John

The book of Revelation is more distinct in its historical and literary setting, and it provides a fitting conclusion not only to the New Testament but to the entire Bible.

- Revelation