

BIBLE READING HELPS FOR OCTOBER 2020

Anchored
IN THE WORD



Reading the Word Together

Following the plan provided in the *Anchored in the Word* booklets will allow you to read through the entire Bible in 2020. Since you'll be reading along with others in our church, it will be easier to discuss what you are reading with other believers. Sharing your insights and questions will greatly encourage others to dive into God's life-giving Word.

Here is what you will find inside:

- A weekly section to keep track of your Bible reading, record insights, and review the weekly memory verse.
- Introductions to each Biblical book that will be read during the month.
- A brief overview of how to do more in-depth Bible study.
- A listing of church events for the month.
- Blank note pages to record key blessings & lessons

Nothing will impact your life like consistently reading and reflecting on God's Word. You will grow in your knowledge of God and His ways. You will find strength and insight for each day. There is abundant hope and help in God's Word for you!

"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night."

Psalm 1:1–2 (NKJV)

Introduction to Zechariah



Zechariah encouraged the returning Jewish exiles to repent and renew their covenant with God. He rebuked them for doing the very things their ancestors had done before the exile: social injustice towards widows, orphans, and foreigners. But as the people endured opposition from the non-Jewish inhabitants of Judea, Zechariah reassured them of God's abiding comfort and care. Messianic hope was rekindled during Zechariah's ministry, and the book ends with the promise that the Lord would establish his rule over all the earth (14:9).

Introduction to Malachi



Malachi called the people to repentance with respect to: the priesthood, which had become corrupt; worship, which had become routine; divorce, which was widespread; social justice, which was being ignored; and tithing, which was neglected. Malachi predicted the coming of both John the Baptist and Jesus, referring to each as a "messenger" of God (3:1).

Introduction to Mathew



The Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as Israel's Messiah. The account alternates between Jesus' activities of healing and casting out demons, and major blocks of his teaching; including the Sermon on the Mount (ch 5-7), the Parables of the Kingdom (ch

13), the Olivet Discourse (ch 24-25) and the Great Commission (28:18-20). A recurring theme is the conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders, culminating in his pronouncement of "seven woes" upon them (ch 23). As do all four Gospel accounts, Matthew focuses on Christ's three-year ministry and his death and resurrection.

Introduction to Mark

The Gospel of Mark emphasizes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Mark features three main groups of people: the disciples, the crowds, and the religious leaders, none of whom understood Jesus. When the time came for Jesus to go to the cross, the religious leaders arrested him, the disciples abandoned him, and the crowds jeered him. Only when he died alone on the cross did a Roman centurion recognize him as the Son of God.



Introduction to Luke

Luke, a physician and colleague of Paul, documents Christ's life from before his birth through his ministry, death, and resurrection.

Jesus carried out his ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit, announcing the good news of salvation. He showed numerous times his compassion for the poor and the outcast. He fulfilled prophecy and carried out his purpose: to seek and save the lost. Luke gives the fullest account of Christ's birth, and only Luke records the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Luke also wrote the following book of Acts.



Week Forty

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	10/4	Sunday	Zechariah 11-14
	10/5	Monday	Malachi 1-4
	10/6	Tuesday	Matthew 1-4
	10/7	Wednesday	Matthew 5-6
	10/8	Thursday	Matthew 7-9
	10/9	Friday	Matthew 10-12
	10/10	Saturday	Matthew 13-14

Memory Verse

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 2:41

Discovery Questions

What attribute of God is referenced in Malachi 3:6?

According to the teachings of Christ Matthew 7, what must we do to be able to help others deal with sin and failures in their lives?

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Week Forty-One

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	10/11	Sunday	Matthew 15-17
	10/12	Monday	Matthew 18-20
	10/13	Tuesday	Matthew 21-22
	10/14	Wednesday	Matthew 23-24
	10/15	Thursday	Matthew 25-26
	10/16	Friday	Matthew 27-28
	10/17	Saturday	Mark 1-3

Memory Verse

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

John 3:36

Discovery Questions

What is the theological error of the Sadducees is mentioned in Matthew 22:23?

What was Jesus doing right before He was arrested?

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Week Forty-Two

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	10/18	Sunday	Mark 4-5
	10/19	Monday	Mark 6-7
	10/20	Tuesday	Mark 8-9
	10/21	Wednesday	Mark 10-11
	10/22	Thursday	Mark 12-13
	10/23	Friday	Mark 14-16
	10/24	Saturday	Luke 1

Memory Verse

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Ephesians 1:11

Discovery Questions

What was the cause of contention among the twelve apostles in Mark 10?

What Old Testament prophet does Jesus reference when speaking of the "abomination of desolation"?

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Week Forty-Three

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	10/25	Sunday	Luke 2-3
	10/26	Monday	Luke 4-5
	10/27	Tuesday	Luke 6-7
	10/28	Wednesday	Luke 8
	10/29	Thursday	Luke 9
	10/30	Friday	Luke 10-11
	10/31	Saturday	Luke 12-13

Memory Verse

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Discovery Questions

What did John tell the soldiers when they asked what they should do to show genuine repentance?

After Jesus cast the demons out of a man and into the herd of pigs, what did the people of the region ask Jesus to do and why?

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Appendix A - The Inductive Study Method

Observation – What do I see?

Start by reading the passage once through to get the big picture. Then read it again slower: noticing punctuation, identifying grammar, and observing how thoughts connect. Let the scene develop in your mind.

Now, “zoom out” in stages to get the **context**

- Immediate context – What is going on?
- Surrounding context – What happened before and after?
- Larger context – What is this book all about?

Next, consider how the **literary style** might be contributing

- Historical narrative – Factual retellings of events
- Law – God’s commands to His covenant people
- Poetry – Scripture written in verse
- Wisdom – Principles from generations of godly people
- Prophecy – Revelation from God about the future
- Argument – Ideas built upon each other to make a whole

Finally, “**interview**” the passage with these questions:

- Who? – What is significant to know about each person?
- What? – What is happening? What is being said or done?
- Where? – Lookup every location you encounter!
- When? – When did this occur? In other Scripture?
- Why? – Look for reasons and explanations. Connect them!
- How? – Are methods described or instructions given?

Interpretation – What does it mean?

When interpreting Scripture, always keep in mind that “meaning” is not our subjective thoughts read into the text, but God’s objective truth read out of the text. Using the analogy of a puzzle, try applying the “four C’s” of accurate interpretation:

- *Content* – Do I have all the pieces? Observation is critical
- *Context* – Where does this piece belong in the big picture?
- Literary context – what type of literature is this?
- Historical context – what events surround this text?
- Cultural context – what were the “norms” then?
- Geographic context – does location matter?
- Theological context – what did they know of God?
- *Comparison* – Where does this piece fit with the others?
- The greatest interpreter of Scripture is Scripture
- *Consultation* – Does this piece really fit here?
- Commentaries are great consultation resources

And never forget the golden rule of interpretation:

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense...or it will be nonsense.”

Application – How does it affect me?

To find out how the principles you’ve discovered might apply to you, it helps to restate them as a question to yourself like this:

“How does that fact that [...principle from the Bible...] affect me?”

Then ask yourself what action you should take based on what you now know. Seek God’s will in prayer for this. Permit the Holy Spirit to answer these questions for you and open your eyes to God’s perspective.

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Events in October

Faithful Men Book Study Saturday the 10th @ 6 PM

Weekly Gatherings

Sunday Worship Service Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Sunday Evening Service Sundays @ 5:00 PM

West Covina Fellowship Group* Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Covina Fellowship Group* Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

*Meeting locations and times vary and sometimes change.
Please see a pastor for information and to enroll.

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