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Anchored
IN THE WORD



About this reading plan

The plan that we are using this year has 5 days per week assigned for reading. It provides readings from different portions of Scripture each day. Every day includes a portion from the Old and New Testament with the Psalms sprinkled in.

If you read them all the portions each day, you'll read through the entire Bible in 2022! If that sounds exciting, go for it! If that looks like it will be hard to be consistent, then read the NT portions along with the selections from Psalms. Doing that will only require 1 chapter most days of the year.

Committing to be part of a Discipleship Group Isaiah one way to help yourself be consistent. Each week as part of our groups, we'll go over the readings from last week together. Since you'll be reading along with others in our church, it will be easier to discuss what you are reading with other believers.

In this guide you will find the readings for the current month. Also included Isaiah a summary plus a question to help you investigate further and/or apply the Word to your life.

Remember to pray before, during and in response to reading. Whether prompted by the questions provided or by the Spirit, think of your time in the Word as time with God Himself, and include prayer as part of your response. Consider doing so with a pen so you can bring what the Lord has been teaching you to your discipleship groups. Journal space Isaiah provided.

Week 36 / Day 1

☐ 2 Chronicles 29-31

Upon becoming king, Hezekiah begins reforms: he reopens and purifies the temple, restores the priesthood, and reinstates the festivals, including Passover.

According to Hezekiah why had God forsaken His people?

☐ 1 Corinthians 8

Paul says a mature Christian, when confronted with the choice of participating in an act that causes a weaker Christian to stumble, should exercise the discretion to give up the right to do anything that would harm the other. All may not have the same knowledge, but all must have the same love one for another.

Of what should believers be careful not to get prideful?

Week 36 / Day 2

☐ **2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32**

Judah and King Hezekiah face an invasion led by Sennacherib. Isaiah encourages Hezekiah to trust God to deliver them since God has supreme power and Isaiah faithful to His promises.

Why was the bronze serpent that Moses made destroyed?

☐ **Psalm 67**

The psalmist petitions God's blessing for God's people so all the nations will praise God.

What do you notice about the middle of this psalm?

☐ **1 Corinthians 9**

Paul is willing to lay aside his rights and privileges in the effort to edify the struggling believer and win those outside the faith. He urges the Corinthians to do likewise for the sake of the Gospel.

What did the priests working in the Temple eat?

Week 36 / Day 3

☐ **Isaiah 36-37**

Chapters 36–39 are historical and describe several tests that King Hezekiah faced. In this section, they are faced with enemy invasion. In response to the prayers of his people, God miraculously delivered Jerusalem from Sennacherib of Assyria. *What did the leader of the Assyrian army accuse Hezekiah of doing against God?*

☐ **Psalms 123**

The psalmist, deeply distraught, looks to God alone for mercy. *What mercy did the people want from the Lord?*

☐ **1 Corinthians 10**

We should take warning from those who have gone before us. Carnal desires are the source and root of much sin and if not checked they will lead us away from God. In all of our activities, we must live for God's glory and strenuously avoid idolatry. *What will God provide when you are tempted? What does that mean?*

Week 36 / Day 4

☐ **2 Kings 20; Isaiah 38-40**

In the prime of life, Hezekiah was told he would die. In answer to prayer his life was extended. Sadly, Hezekiah's response to this was to turn away and seek protection from Babylon. Ch. 40 begins a major division in the book emphasizing Israel's salvation.

What was the sign given to Hezekiah that he would live?

☐ **Psalm 68**

David rejoices that God is a mighty warrior and victor over His enemies, inviting praise from all people. One of the most interesting features of this psalm is that Paul applied verse 18, which referred to the arrival of the ark of the covenant at Mount Zion, to the triumphant ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ following his resurrection.

What goodness has God done for Israel?

☐ **1 Corinthians 11**

When the church gathers, believers must show respect for one another and be careful not to dishonor the Lord. God has established in the home and the church and we must not disrespect it. Guidelines are given for observing the Lord's Supper.

How should we conduct ourselves at the Lord's Supper?

Week 36 / Day 5

☐ **Isaiah 41-44**

Israel will be safe because of her God. Yahweh is great - He knows and controls all things. Yahweh will use His Servant to bring justice. Israel's chastisement, protection, and redemption have made them witnesses for the glory of the Lord, who redeemed them for his own sake.

What does Yahweh try to show His people about idols?

☐ **1 Corinthians 12**

God sovereignly gifts all believers for His work. Every believer has a gift but no one has all the gifts. Each needs the other. Individuals must use their abilities for the good of the whole.

Why do we have different spiritual gifts?

Week 37 / Day 1

□ **Isaiah 45-48**

Yahweh will use Cyrus, the king of the Persian empire, to deliver his people. No other God has done anything like this. The chapter ends with the dismal sight of the Babylonian gods being helplessly carried off into captivity, whereas Israel is delivered by their God.

Who is sent by God and His Spirit?

□ **1 Corinthians 13**

Everything must be done in love. It is not enough to be gifted, believers must be loving. Love is not an emotion but a seeking the highest good for the other.

Why will other gifts fail and love never fail?

Week 37 / Day 2

☐ **Isaiah 49-52**

The theme of God's deliverance of a remnant continues. Since no one in Israel can be the deliverer (see 50:2; 51:18), Yahweh will bring His own - the Servant. The Servant is distinct from Israel in that, though Israel did not trust in the Lord when he called, the servant of the Lord listens and is sustained.

From what would the Servant not hide?

☐ **Psalm 69**

This messianic psalm begins with sinking but ends with singing. David petitions God to deliver him from his foes and to punish those who taunt and accuse him. Out of David's sufferings, the Lord revealed His Son.

What caused his suffering?

☐ **1 Corinthians 14**

Believers gather to worship God on His terms not their own. Specific restrictions are given on the use of other languages in gatherings. The elements of the service are to be done orderly in order to promote the well-being of the church. Priority is given to what helps everyone.

Why were tongues a sign for non-believers?

Week 37 / Day 3

☐ **Isaiah 53-55**

The servant of the Lord, humble and despised, has done the will of God by taking the sins of the nation on himself and will therefore be exalted after he pours out his soul unto death.

What will be laid on the Servant?

☐ **Psalm 128**

This psalm reminds you of the blessings God sends when you fear Him and walk in His ways.

In what ways can God bless those who fear Him?

☐ **1 Corinthians 15**

Because Jesus lives, believers will live! The Gospel is true and the dead in Christ will be raised. We have no reason to give up because Jesus has conquered sin and death!

Who is the "first man"? and the "second man"?

Week 37 / Day 4

☐ **Isaiah 56-59**

God reminds the nation of its false profession and sinful practices which caused His judgment to teach that salvation and restoration must result only from God's initiative rather than the nation's goodness.

Where does the LORD dwell? and with whom?

☐ **Psalms 70**

This is an urgent prayer for God's immediate help when under threat.

Why does God seem to delay answering some of our prayers?

☐ **1 Corinthians 16**

Paul urges practical action: love the needy, love your spiritual leaders, love others in the church, and love the Lord.

What instructions did Paul give for collecting an offering?

Week 37 / Day 5

□ **Isaiah 60-63**

The Lord will bring his people to a state of glory, and the nations will come to Jerusalem. Isaiah summons the faithful to give God no rest until He makes Jerusalem the praise of the earth.

Who also will worship at the altar of Israel?

□ **2 Corinthians 1**

After greeting the church, Paul describes the significance and purpose of his own suffering—namely, sharing Christ’s suffering and comfort and being able to comfort the Corinthians in their suffering. Paul then explains his delay in coming to them.

How did the Corinthians help Paul?

Week 38 / Day 1

☐ **Isaiah 64-66**

When he brings judgment, the Lord will make a distinction between His true servants and the stubborn rebels. He will deliver His faithful ones from their enemies and welcome them into His kingdom.

Why did Isaiah want the mountains to shake?

☐ **2 Corinthians 2**

Part of the reason for Paul's delay was to allow the church opportunity to discipline a man. This gave time for the man to repent and the church to forgive the man. Meanwhile, Paul travelled to preach in other places.

How could Satan take advantage of the church?

Week 38 / Day 2

☐ **2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33**

Although Manasseh starts as the most evil king in Judah's history, when God disciplines him, he repents so deeply that God restores him and changes his priorities. Sadly his son, Amon, refuses to humble himself before Yahweh.

What did Manasseh make and put in the house of the Lord?

☐ **Psalm 71**

The psalmist reviews a life of dependence on God. As you read this psalm, you discover the ideal way to spend old age as a Christian. Devote time to prayer and trust the Lord to help you.

Why did the psalmist need God now?

☐ **2 Corinthians 3**

Paul defends his role as a servant of the New Covenant by using a comparison with the Old Covenant. He then argues for the greater glory of the New Covenant. Jesus has opened immediate and continual access to God's glory.

How does Paul say we are transformed into the image of Christ?

☐ Nahum

More than a century after the spiritual revival that was sparked by the preaching of Jonah swept through Nineveh, the imperial capital of Assyria, Nahum prophesied God's judgment against the pagan city and promised restoration for God's covenant people Judah.

Who are the lions of Nineveh?

☐ Psalm 149

God's people should sing! The psalmist calls all God's people to worship the Lord for his grace, even in the presence of threatening enemies.

In what settings should we sing praise to God?

☐ 2 Corinthians 4

Paul shows how his message shapes his philosophy of ministry. The all-sufficient God provides encouragement to his servants despite great affliction. Paul does not faint in his ministry because he is sure of eternity's verdict on his present work.

How is our inward man renewed day by day?

Week 38 / Day 4

☐ 2 Kings 22-23

While repairing the Temple, the Book of the Law is found. King Josiah responds to the book of the law by turning to God with all of his heart, soul, and strength. His sons did not follow in his footsteps.

What prophesy was fulfilled concerning the bones in the tombs on the mountain?

☐ Psalm 73

The psalm begins with “God is good” and ends with “It is good” (v. 28), but between those statements, things are not so good! Asaph's trouble begins when he considers the wicked now but ends when he considers the wicked later.

What characteristics of God does Asaph reflect on?

☐ 2 Corinthians 5

Paul says that he is able to endure the afflictions of his ministry because the hope beyond death is life eternal in Christ. He longs for eternity to be present with the Lord. All ministry is done with the Lord's evaluation in view.

How do we become the righteousness of God?

Week 38 / Day 5

☐ 2 Chronicles 34-35

Josiah bring reforms by faithfully seeking God like his ancestor David and leading towards Yahweh. He purifies the temple, promotes reading the law and obeying it, and reinstates the Passover.

How long had it been since the Passover was done in the manner that Josiah kept it?

☐ 2 Corinthians 6

Paul pleas for their reception of God's grace. He has sacrificed and endured much for the advance of this grace. The Corinthians must turn away from the unbelievers who have led them astray.

What has it cost you to share the gospel with others?

Week 39 / Day 1

☐ **Habakkuk**

Habakkuk is a prophetic book that proclaims God's sovereignty and goodness through dialogues between Habakkuk and the Lord amid the wickedness in Judah and the terrifying impending judgment through Babylon. Habakkuk concludes with an expression of trust and confidence in God's faithfulness.

What is the prophet's reaction to God's answers?

☐ **2 Corinthians 7**

Believers should cleanse themselves defilement. This is how Paul behaved among them. He is encouraged by their genuine repentance testified of by Titus.

What does godly sorrow produce?

Week 39 / Day 2

☐ **Zephaniah**

During the pivotal period of the reign of King Josiah (640–609 BC), Zephaniah proclaims the Day of the Lord when God provides universal restoration for the believing remnant after He judges Judah and the Gentile nations.

What is the difference between the idolatrous priest and the pagan priest?

☐ **Psalm 74**

Asaph mourns the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple as he recounts God's past deeds and calls for God to rise up on behalf of his people.

What does Asaph ask God to remember?

☐ **2 Corinthians 8**

God's grace caused the churches of Macedonia to joyfully sacrifice finances for other believers. The Corinthians should follow their example and keep their commitment to do the same.

What should you do before you give to others?

Week 39 / Day 3

☐ **Jeremiah 1-4**

Jeremiah announced judgment on Judah for turning to false gods and breaking the covenant. Though judgment was certain, there was a glimmer of hope if the people returned to Yahweh.

When was Jeremiah called to be a prophet?

☐ **Psalms 130**

When the psalmist is not experiencing God's smile on his life, he resolves to keep trusting, waiting for light to dawn again. He confesses his sins, seeking forgiveness from God, and he encourages others to do the same.

Why do we wait on the Lord?

☐ **2 Corinthians 9**

Paul says the collection in Corinth must be taken with integrity, uncoerced, and with generosity toward those in need, all in response to God's grace.

What does Paul mean by sowing sparingly and bountifully?

Week 39 / Day 4

☐ **Jeremiah 5-7**

Jerusalem lacks people who act justly and speak the truth. They liked their sin and the false prophets who encouraged it.

Jeremiah must call them to repentance even if they won't hear it.

What did the people do even after committing all kinds of evil?

☐ **Psalms 75**

Asaph is confident in divine justice and knows that God will destroy the wicked. When you are disturbed by the evil in the world, pause and praise the Lord.

In what sense can judgment be our joy?

☐ **2 Corinthians 10**

Paul asserts his apostolic authority to his opponents in Corinth by pointing to the fruit of his ministry. The Corinthians' faith is a testimony of God's blessing.

What do the weapons of our warfare teach us about the nature of the battle?

Week 39 / Day 5

☐ **Jeremiah 8-10**

Jeremiah mourns over his people for their idolatry and evil behavior. He mocks the worshipers of wood (idols) and declares the greatness of Yahweh.

What did no one in Jerusalem do?

☐ **2 Corinthians 11**

Paul expresses his jealousy over the church and his plea for them to not be deceived. Satan has his own false gospel, false apostles, and false spirit.

What should God's people boast in?

