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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 is 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 is 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 is provided.

Week 45 / Day 1

□ Ezekiel 31-33

The Lord compares Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to Assyria, who in its greatness sealed its own doom. God would rebuke Pharaoh's pride and cut down his nation. The Lord will judge each according to his ways but He invites Israel to salvation in the midst of judgment.

Why do the people come to hear Ezekiel?

□ John 11

Lazarus is raised from the dead. Even death itself cannot win when the Messiah is present because He is the resurrection and the life. Sadly, the Jewish leaders determine to put Jesus to death.

What can we learn about grieving and caring for those who grieve from this chapter?

Week 45 / Day 2

□ Ezekiel 34-36

Before restoration can occur, Yahweh will take charge of His sheep from the corrupt leaders. The remnant will be placed under Davidic leadership and given a covenant of peace. By prophesying against Edom, God pledges to watch over His restored people. He will settle them, provide for them, and give them new hearts.

What is the covenant like that the Lord will make with Israel?

□ Psalm 86

David prays for God's guidance and strength when attacked by his seemingly unrelenting enemies.

How does David refer to himself in this psalm?

□ John 12

One week prior to the cross, Jesus welcomes Mary's anointing as a way to prepare for His looming death. The crowds rejoice over Jesus' coming to Jerusalem, but Jesus knows the path ahead will be painful but will glorify the Father. The crowds had seen many miracles, but still didn't believe.

What did the voice from heaven indicate?

Week 45 / Day 3

☐ Ezekiel 37-39

Yahweh's Spirit raises Israel from the dead, creating a new people cleansed from idolatry. Once restored to the land, Israel will not be displaced. Great nations may invade, but Yahweh will defeat them.

What people will understand why Israel was taken captive?

☐ Psalm 87

This song envisions God rejoicing as He records some surprising names in His book. God will restore Israel and bless the Gentiles.

Think about those who do not know God and pray for their salvation today.

☐ John 13

Prior to the Passover meal, the disciples have another lesson to learn. Jesus washed their feet to show them how to love and serve one another. Judas leaves to betray Christ, but the other disciples don't understand what is happening.

What kind of love would mark Jesus' disciples?

Week 45 / Day 4

□ Ezekiel 40-42

In the final section (ch. 40-48) of Ezekiel, the prophet describes life with God among the restored remnant. In this vision the Lord shows Ezekiel the future restored temple, where all is fully planned, perfectly proportioned, and ready for the Lord's presence.

Describe the man who showed Ezekiel this vision.

□ John 14

This chapter is full of assurances from Jesus. The disciples were troubled but Jesus promised He was the way to the Father and the revealer of the Father. He will share the life of the Father with His own.

How could explain the gospel to someone using only John 14:6?

Week 45 / Day 5

Ezekiel 43-45

Yahweh returns to the new Temple. Since the people will no longer sin, He will dwell with them forever. Priests and Levites will faithfully serve, all people will be just, and the holy days will be kept.

Priests from whole line will serve in the Temple?

Psalm 135

The psalmist invites God's people to praise Yahweh. who is mighty over all creation and history.

For what is God remembered?

John 15

Jesus wants us to have joy and bear fruit to glorify God, and the only way we can do that is by abiding in his love. The greatest act of love is to lay down one's life for one's friends.

How is the Father glorified in us?

Week 46 / Day 1

□ Ezekiel 46-48

Sabbaths and daily sacrifices will take place without fail. Israel will gain life from the temple. Ezekiel desires for the Temple to be as central as the tabernacle once was when Israel camped around it.

What did the water flowing from the temple represent?

□ John 16

Jesus teaches His disciples that although the world may hate them, they will be comforted by His Spirit. They will find peace in a world that hates them by remembering that Jesus has conquered the world.

What was the advantage of the coming of the Spirit over the presence of Jesus?

Week 46 / Day 2

□ Daniel 1-3

Daniel resolves to remain faithful after being exiled to Babylon and is rewarded. He interprets the king's dream leading to his promotion. Nebuchadnezzar's pride leads to Daniel's friends being thrown into a fiery furnace.

What lessons can we learn from the way Daniel handled his concerns in chapter 1?

□ Psalm 88

The psalmist expresses his deepest lamentation as he faces darkness, despair, and even death. This is one of the few psalms that ends without a note of victory.

What did the psalmist do while he waits for God's answer?

□ John 17

In this, His high priestly prayer, Jesus prayed for Himself (vv. 1–5), His disciples (vv. 6–19), and all of His church (vv. 20–26). He prays for His followers because He wants them to be one as He and the Father are one, so that the world will see their unity as a witness to God.

What can we learn about praying for others from this chapter?

Week 46 / Day 3

□ Daniel 4-6

These chapters feature the stories of three rulers. The first is humbled and repents, the second is judged, and the third see the foolishness of his pride. The God of Daniel shows Himself to be the living God who cannot be defeated.

What happens to those who plotted against Daniel?

□ John 18

Jesus' public ministry ends at the hands of His antagonists. Judas' betrayal leads to Jesus' arrest by Roman soldiers at the behest of Jews. Peter defends, then denies. Pilate examines Jesus, then seeks to free Him.

Why did Jesus not want His servants to fight for Him?

Week 46 / Day 4

Daniel 7-9

The vision of the four beasts complements the vision of chapter 2 in its portrayal of the Babylonian, Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Yahweh will overcome all and establish His everlasting kingdom over the whole earth. Daniel receives the revelation of the Seventy Weeks, including the Messiah's atoning death. This gives the chronology of God's perfect plan for the redemption and deliverance of His people.

Who was Daniel reading to discover when the captivity would end?

Psalm 91

This psalm points to the relief and security found in God's promises. Those who dwell in His presence are assured that nothing can harm them.

What dangers to you face that you need to bring to the Lord?

John 19

Jesus was humiliated, tortured, and taken to the cross for execution. The King was pierced for His people just as predicted. His life was not taken; it was given.

Who prepared Jesus for burial?

Week 46 / Day 5

☐ Daniel 10-12

Daniel has a great vision that summarizes what would happen after they were restored as a nation. God's people can be strengthened to endure horrible suffering and confusion by the promise of his grace now and their resurrection then.

How are the daily sacrifices taken away?

☐ John 20

The tomb is empty! Mary encounters Jesus in the garden. He appears to the disciples in the upper room. Thomas doubts but Jesus appears the next Sunday removing all doubt. Jesus says the ones who are blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Why did John write what he did about Jesus?

Week 47 / Day 1

□ Ezra 1-2

Ezra begins as Chronicles ends with an order to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Many of the exiles return to Jerusalem, while Cyrus and the Jews who remained in Babylon paid the bill.

Why were some men excluded from the priesthood?

□ John 21

Jesus appears to the disciples at Galilee. Peter's love is questioned and his mission is emphasized: "Feed my sheep." Jesus not only restores his relationship with Peter; he also restores him with a purpose, which is also what Jesus does for us.

How many fish did they catch by listening to Jesus?

Week 47 / Day 2

□ Ezra 3-4

In the midst of fear and rubble, renewal begins with worship. Advancing for God always leads to opposition from the world. False accusations force the construction to cease.

What practice established by David was renewed?

□ Psalm 92

This is a song of weekly praise emphasizes Yahweh's love and steadfastness, as well as His blessings on the righteous and judgments on the wicked.

What will the righteous do in old age?

□ 1 John 1

1 John explains what it means to be in Christ and find assurance of faith and fulness of joy. John wants them to share in fellowship with God. This fellowship is real, but it only occurs in the light. Jesus' blood cleanses us so we can walk in the light.

Why should we confess our sins to God when He already knows about them?

Week 47 / Day 3

□ Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1

God's message through Haggai to the returned exiles is, "It's time to reexamine your priorities and build the temple." Yahweh told Zechariah to tell the people: Return to me so that I may return to you—unlike your fathers who turned away from my word and suffered the consequences.

What is the vision of the man riding a red horse about?

□ Psalm 138

David expresses praise to God for the certainty of divine promises made to him in the Davidic Covenant.

What has given the psalmist strength?

□ 1 John 2

Jesus is our advocate with the Father. We know that we belong to Jesus because we keep His commandments. The commandment in view is love for the brethren. Love for the world is forbidden. Antichrists are forever lost because they deny the Son. Anyone who denies gives evidence that their earlier profession was false (19).

What does it mean to love of the world?

Week 47 / Day 4

☐ Zechariah 2-5

Zechariah's visions provide encouragement that Jerusalem would be inhabited and protected by its God in its midst. Israel had been guilty, but Yahweh provided cleansing and strength for renewal

Who is the servant that God would send to the people?

☐ Psalm 93

The psalmist rejoices that God reigns triumphantly over all, even despite the sinful rebellion of human beings.

How is God's reign described?

☐ 1 John 3

God's sons are greatly loved and will be with Him - this provokes a growing purity. Continual sin is evidence that you are not God's child. We know we passed from life to death and are in the truth by loving our brothers in deed.

Why do we purify ourselves?

Week 47 / Day 5

☐ Zechariah 6-8

The four chariots assure the final victory over every opposition to God's purpose. Zechariah questions their motivations for fasting. Whether we fast or feast, we should do all to God's glory. He urges them to trust Yahweh and do what is right.

What did God require more than fasting?

☐ 1 John 4

Try the spirits. God's Spirit confesses that Jesus is coming in the flesh. His Spirit causes brotherly love to grow. God's Spirit confesses that Jesus is the Son of God.

What must we confess to abide in God?

Week 48 / Day 1

☐ Zechariah 9-11

How will Yahweh reverse the fortunes of His people? By bringing judgment on the nations through the coming Messianic King. There will be a complete restoration lead by the Good Shepherd.

Who were the shepherds who were not leading the sheep?

☐ 1 John 5

Faith in Jesus as the Messiah and love for Him is evidence of being God's child. Love and obedience are further evidence. Behavior verifies belief. What you do demonstrates what you truly believe. You can know you have eternal life because you can know you have Jesus.

What are sins that lead to death?

Week 48 / Day 2

☐ Zechariah 12-14

God will deliver His people through the Messiah's piercing. This act will open a fountain for cleansing in the land. Every enemy will be defeated at the final battle leading to a joyful celebration!
Why will the Mount of Olives separate?

☐ Psalm 94

The psalmist appeals to God to judge the wrongs suffered at the hands of wicked rulers.

Why are the wicked foolish?

☐ 2 John

John rejoices over the believers and urges love for one another. There are many deceivers who deny that Jesus is come in the flesh. Any who abandon the doctrine of Jesus do not have God. The two are inseparable.

What did John fear they could lose?

Week 48 / Day 3

☐ Ezra 5-6

After 15 years, the work begins again, encouraged by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. The Temple is completed with the king's blessing and the exiles celebrate the Passover with great joy

Who was God's eye on? Why?

☐ Psalm 95

The psalmist calls God's people to worship the Lord by singing praises and bowing before him.

How should we honor our God?

☐ 3 John

John writes Gaius to encourage continued faithful support of God's workers while warning about the prideful Diotrephes. Follow those who demonstrate goodness, not those who demand prominence.

How did Diotrephes treat the people in the church?

Week 48 / Day 4

☐ Esther 1-3

The story of Esther is marked by imperfect characters and by God's activity. God's workings are seen by faith, but the imperfections of the characters are seen clearly. Esther becomes queen. Mordecai saves the king in chapter 2, but his enemy Haman is exalted in chapter 3.

Why did Haman despise Mordecai?

☐ Psalm 139

David meditates upon the momentous truths that God is all-knowing, all-present, all-powerful, and all-holy.

What effect do those amazing attributes of God have on David?

☐ Revelation 1

John's vision of Jesus Christ sent to the seven churches which are in Asia (minor). The theme of the book is found in 1:7-8. The outline can be found in verse 19.

What was John's reaction to Jesus?

Week 48 / Day 5

☐ Esther 4-6

God's people are in danger due to Haman's plot. Esther is the only one in position to help so Mordecai urges her to action. A sleepless night for the king leads to the recollection of Mordecai's earlier kindness.

What did Queen Esther ask Mordecai and the Jews in Shushan to do for her?

☐ Revelation 2

Christ has just asserted his authority over the seven churches, and he has revealed the attention he pays to them. He now turns to address them. These messages are tailored to the needs of each of the churches. Modern churches can and do have similar mixes of strengths and weaknesses.

What does it mean to leave your first love?


