SUMMER READING THROUGH THE GOSPELS & ACTS

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS & BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Meet Up Dates Join us from 9:30am-11am New Life Church in the Life Center

May 9th May 16th May 23rd May 30th June 6th June 13th June 20th June 27th







MATTHEW 1

Reflect:

Contemplate how God chose people to be in the line of Christ and why he chooses.

APRIL 2



MATTHEW 2

Worship:

Think of the wise men and how they worshipped Jesus. Jesus is worthy of all our worship. Spend some time in worship.

APRIL 3



MATTHEW 3

Study:

Some form of the word "baptize" is found 8 times in this chapter. Baptism is the outer sign of an inner commitment to Christ. Have you made this commitment to Christ and followed it by a public baptism? If not, what is stopping you. If so, then remind yourself of your commitment to Christ. What area of your life do you still need to commit to Him?



MATTHEW 4

Disciple:

What are some things you learn here about temptation's purpose and how to resist? Share what you learned with someone.

APRIL 5



MATTHEW 5

Pray:

Ask Jesus to teach you to go deeper in your obedience. Ask Him to reveal any areas where your heart is still holding back, and ask Him to change you.

APRIL 6

Pray & catch up on missed reading

APRIL 7





MATTHEW 6

Pray:

Pray each part of the prayer Jesus taught, personalizing it, and meditating on what God is telling you.

APRIL 9



MATTHEW 7

Study:

Do you do to others as you would have them do to you? Read 1 Corinthians ch 13 to understand how to treat others. What is God saying to you today?

APRIL 10



MATTHEW 8

Worship:

Meditate on all the miraculous ways Jesus responded to people in just this one chapter. Praise the LORD for His mighty wonders and worship Him for being willing to make you completely clean (see verses 2-3).



MATTHEW 9

Reflect:

Ponder the heart of Jesus and what is most important to him. Do you reflect the heart of Jesus to others?

ARPIL 12



MATTHEW 10

Disciple:

God has equipped us all to share with others the Good News. Discuss with a friend some of the ways the Lord has helped each of you share the gospel with someone. Then pray together and encourage each other to spread the gospel. Be sure to listen and obey the Spirit when he tells you to speak.

APRIL 13

Pray & catch up on missed reading

APRIL 14





MATTHEW 11

Study:

Read again verses 28-30 and then read Romans 3:19-4:5 and consider what it means to walk by faith in Christ. What does it mean to take Christ's yoke on you?

APRIL 16 Pead MATTHEW 12

Disciple:

Verse 7 says, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Do an act of mercy for someone today by allowing the Spirit to direct you.

APRIL 17

MATTHEW 13

Reflect:

Is God's kingdom your treasure? Meditate on how to treasure the Kingdom of God.



MATTHEW 14

Worship:

Re-read verse 16 and verses 28-31. Praise Jesus not only for reaching out to save you, but for empowering you to do what He commands.

ARPIL 19



and MATTHEW 15

Pray:

What comes out of the mouth is what is in our heart. Ask Jesus to give you a heart like his and see how your words begin to change.

APRIL 20

Pray & catch up on missed reading

APRIL 21





Pead MATTHEW 16

Study:

Why does Jesus not perform a sign for the Pharisees and what do you learn about who Jesus is and what it means to follow him?

APRIL 23 Pead MATTHEW 17

Reflect:

Do you have difficulty believing God for a miracle? If you have little faith. ask God to increase it.

APRIL 24 Perd MATTHEW 18

Disciple:

Discipling sometimes involves confrontation, with love and humility. Encourage someone by sharing with them how someone was brave enough to confront you.



MATTHEW 19

Pray:

Ask God if there is some area of your life that you are still hanging on to tightly, not willing to give it up for the Lord. Ask Him to do the impossible by enabling you to completely surrender it to Him.

ARPIL 26



Zead MATTHEW 20

Worship:

Have you asked for something and not received it? Worship God and praise Him for the "wait" or the "no" answers to prayer, for Jesus knows what's best. Listen to a praise song to lift your soul to Him.

APRIL 27

Pray & catch up on missed reading

APRIL 28





Pead MATTHEW 21

Worship:

Count how many Old Testament prophecies of Jesus were fulfilled in this chapter and praise God for He Does Do What He Says He Will Do!





Pead MATTHEW 22

Disciple:

Verse 9 says to "go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." Tell everyone you meet today some nugget of truth.

MAY 1

MATTHEW 23

Prav:

Re-read verses 5-7. Ask God to show you any areas of your life where you are more concerned about looking good than desiring to live by the Spirit. Pray for help to die to self and to be filled with the Spirit.

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MATTHEW 24

Study:

Read Revelation ch 1 and think about the purpose of telling us about the end times. What does Jesus want you focused on?





Zead MATTHEW 25

Reflect:

All these parables ponder what it will be like for each of us when Jesus returns or calls us home. If you were called home today, would you be ready? If not, ask Jesus to make you ready.

MAY 4

Pray & catch up on missed reading

MAY 5



MAY 6



MATTHEW 26

Disciple:

Encourage someone today by telling them of a time when you succumbed to temptation and what God taught you from that season.



MATTHEW 27

Study:

Jesus guotes Psalm 22 perhaps to point people to read it. Read Psalm 22 and see how many prophecies were fulfilled in this psalm about Jesus.

MAY 8

MATTHEW 28

Worship:

Picture yourself as one of those women witnessing the miracle of Jesus' resurrection. Worship Jesus today for what He has done for you and the hope you have in Him.

MAY Q



MARK 1

Pray:

Jesus spent time in the wilderness and in prayer. Stop and pray and ask the Lord to speak and direct your day.

MAY 10

Zead MARK 2

Reflect:

Imagine yourself as one of the friends seeking a healing for your friend (v1-11). How would you have responded when Jesus says "Your sins are forgiven" instead of giving the healing first?

MAY 11

Pray & catch up on missed reading

MAY 12





MARK 3

Disciple:

Just as Jesus selected the disciples, Jesus has chosen you and bestowed spiritual gifts to be used for the church. Ask a friend what they might see as a gift of the Spirit in your life.

MAY 14

Zead MARK 4

Worship:

Are you in a storm right now? Have you felt abandoned or ignored by Jesus during difficulties or trials? Worship Jesus in the storm, difficulty, or trial and ask him to grow your faith.

MAY 15

Lead MARK 5

Prav:

What are the impossible things Jesus did in this chapter? Ask Jesus for what you need, even if it seems impossible, and then believe that He loves you just as the people in this chapter and will do what's best.



MARK 6

Reflect:

Ponder Jesus' response to the crowd, when the disciples were getting away to a quiet place. How should we respond to people interrupting us?

MARK 7 **MAY 17**

Study:

Re-read verses 14-23 and then James 1:13-18 and think about where sinfulness comes from. When we come to Jesus, he gives us a new heart and life. But it takes a willingness on our part to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and die to our sinful desires. Take an honest look at where you may be compromising and giving in to your sinful desires.

MAY 18

Pray & catch up on missed reading

MAY 19





MARK 8

Prav:

Ask God to give you the mind of Christ, that your thoughts, desires, and prayers would be heavenly minded, not merely human concerns.



Load MARK 9

Worship:

Worship and praise the Lord for He is the God of the impossible. But don't just worship him for what he can do for you, but also for who He is. List attributes of his character in your worship.

MAY 22

Lead MARK 10

Reflect:

Be honest. Do you want to be great? Reflect on what it means to be great in God's Kingdom.

MAY 23



and MARK 11

Disciple:

The fig tree represents religiousness with no real fruit. Pray a bold prayer of faith with someone today that you will bear fruit in your life and encourage each other to walk by faith.

Lead MARK 12 **MAY 24**

Study:

Read the ten commandments in Exodus 20:1-17. How does Jesus summarize God's commands in Mark 12:29-31? Do you see this love in your own life?

MAY 25

Pray & catch up on missed reading

MAY 26





and MARK 13

Study:

Jesus reminds us to be on guard and stay awake. Read Revelation ch 2-3. Which church can you relate to and what is God telling you?





Lead MARK 14

Pray:

Re-read Jesus' prayer in the garden and pray like Jesus for yourself or someone else who is facing a difficult situation. Pray continually throughout the day.

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Lead MARK 15

Reflect:

Ponder the meekness of Jesus in this chapter. Does being resolute in following God's will keep you calm when attacked or facing trials? Does believing God is who He says He is help you?

MAY 30



MARK 16

Disciple:

These women went to the tomb together. Bring a friend along with you and serve or minister to someone together or invite them to serve in a ministry in which you are currently serving.

MAY 31

LUKE 1

Worship:

Consider Mary's song expressing her understanding of God's character and His works. Worship God for who He is and His works in your life.

JUNE 1

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JUNE 2



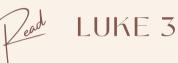


LUKE 2

Reflect:

Mary's pondering and treasuring these events ought to guide our own reflection on God's work in our lives. Consider your own practice of spiritual reflection and meditation. Ponder a recent experience of God in your life.





Study:

What does the baptism of Jesus symbolize, and why is it important in His life and ministry?

Zead LUKE 4 JUNE 5

Worship:

The devil dropped one word when he came to tempt Jesus... beloved. You too are God's beloved. Worship God for how He loves you and who you are in Christ.



LUKE 5

Disciple:

What are the implications of Jesus' call to "catch people" for our understanding of discipleship?



LUKE 6

Pray:

Jesus spent the night in prayer before choosing the twelve apostles. Consider the role of prayer in decision-making. Pray now about any decisions to make or direction to take.

JUNE 8

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JUNE 9







LUKE 7

Reflect:

How can you maintain faith in the face of doubt, as shown in the case of John the Baptist?

JUNE 11

Zend LUKE 8

Disciple:

How does the story of the demon-possessed man encourage us to proclaim who God is and what He has done in our lives?

JUNE 12

Zead LUKE 9

Pray:

"I will follow you, but..." Pray that nothing and no one will divert you from the call of Jesus on your life.



LUKE 10

Worship:

Vs. 20 tells us not to rejoice in our successful service to God, but to rejoice because we are in right relationship with Him. Worship God for having made it possible to be in right standing with Him and for what He has done through us.





LUKE 11

Study:

What does the parable of the return of the unclean spirit teach us about the importance of spiritual growth and renewal?

JUNE 15

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JUNE 16



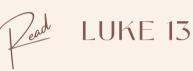


LUKE 12

Disciple:

How can the teachings about fear and courage impact your approach to sharing your faith?

JUNE 18



Pray:

Ask God to show you the places that are still in need of His healing touch and to give you the strength to move toward Him in faith as you encounter afresh His love shown to you in Christ.

JUNE 19

LUKE 14

Reflect:

How can Jesus' metaphor on salt losing its flavor motivate us to maintain our distinct Christian values? How do we ensure we are not like the tasteless salt in our Christian walk?



LUKE 15

Worship:

Have you, like the older son, failed to understand your Father's heart? Worship your Heavenly Father who has already given you a rich inheritance in Christ when you became His daughter. Call out to Him and know how much He loves you. You are His heir. All that He has is yours!





LUKE 16

Study:

What insights can we gain from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus about the consequences of our actions and choices?

JUNE 22

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JUNE 23

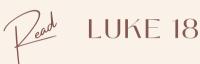




Disciple:

How does Jesus' warning about the suddenness of His coming influence your spiritual preparation? In what ways does it affect your sense of urgency in sharing the Gospel?





Pray:

Jesus interacted with little children. Pray for clarity on what childlike faith is and ask God to guide you in ways you can cultivate a childlike faith.

JUNE 26

Pead LUKE 19

Worship:

Imagine Jesus entering Jerusalem. Worship Jesus as Blessed King and King of your life.



LUKE 20

Reflect:

How can we apply Jesus' handling of difficult questions and confrontations to our own lives?





LUKE 21

Study:

What lessons can you learn from Jesus' prophesy of End Times?

JUNE 29

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JUNE 30





LUKE 22

Reflect:

Consider Peter's denial of Jesus. How can we maintain faithfulness in situations that may tempt us to keep guiet about our faith or denv our beliefs?





Pray:

How should Jesus' prayer for His persecutors influence our attitude towards those who wrong us? Is there someone you need to pray for who has wronged you?

JULY 3

Zood LUKE 24

Worship:

How does the disciples' joy and worship at the end of the chapter inspire your own worship? Worship God for who He is and what He has accomplished.



JOHN 1

Disciple:

God gives His children the privilege and power to point others to Jesus. What obstacles are stopping you from doing that today?



Study:

Study the layout of the temple, especially the Gentile court where the moneychangers were.

JULY 6

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JULY 7





Zead JOHN 3

Study:

Like John the Baptist, our highest purpose is to bear fruit and magnify Jesus. How are you fulfilling your God-given purpose with contentment and joy?



Zead JOHN 4

Pray:

What does the miraculous healing of the official's son teach you about the way the Lord shows grace and answers prayers?

JULY 10

Pead JOHN 5

Disciple:

Review the witnesses' testimonies described in John 5:33 – 39. Why is each of these important? How can you use this in your personal testimony?



JOHN 6

Reflect:

How willing are you to lay aside your desires in order to serve others? What do your choices reveal about your priorities and what would you like to change?

JULY 12



JOHN 7

Worship:

Trinity: We are loved by the Father, forgiven by the Son, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Praise God for including us in His perfect design.

JULY 13 & 14

Pray for the children & volunteers that will be attending & serving at Main Event this week. Consider serving if you are able.





JOHN 8

Reflect:

Reread John 8:1 -11, What characteristics of Jesus do you see and what does this tell you about Him?



Zead JOHN 9

Worship:

Praise God for the suffering you have experienced as God grows and matures you to fulfill His purposes.

JULY 17

Zead JOHN 10

Study:

How has Jesus personally given you life to the full?



JOHN 11

Pray:

Use John 11:41 as a model to pray your needs confidently to the Father.



JOHN 12

Disciple:

Re-read John 12:25-26. Also read Luke 14:25-35. How do you explain the cost of discipleship to others? Contrast that to the benefits of total surrender to Jesus.

JULY 20

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JULY 21





JOHN 13

Disciple:

Jesus gives us a new commandment to love others as He has loved us so that our love will prove to the world that we are His disciples. Do your actions demonstrate Jesus' love?





JOHN 14

Reflect:

Jesus' proof that He is equal to God is confirmed by His words, His works, the works of His people, and answered prayer in His name. What makes us seek additional tangible proof that God exists and cares for us?

JULY 24

Zend JOHN 15

Worship:

Thank God that you are filled with the Holy Spirit, empowered to bear fruit, and overflowing with God's joy.

JULY 25



JOHN 16

Study:

Research and explain how the Holy Spirit helps believers study God's Word. With what do you need most help today?



JOHN 17

Pray:

Pray Ephesians 3:17-21.

JULY 27

Pray & catch up on missed reading

JULY 28



JULY 29



JOHN 18

Worship:

Express your gratefulness for Jesus being your substitute and taking the cup of God's wrath for your sin.



JOHN 19

Reflect:

Moral compromise looks like a lesser evil but makes matters worse. How have you let your fear lead you to compromise with truth?

JULY 31

Zead JOHN 20

Study: Research and explain John 20:17.

AUGUST 1

JOHN 21

Disciple:

What do you most want to tell others about Jesus and how will you share it?

AUGUST 2 Lead ACTS 1

Pray:

For believers, God's kingdom comes as we live out and share the gospel. Make a prayer out of this truth.

AUGUST 3

Pray & catch up on missed reading

AUGUST 4





Pead ACTS 2

Pray:

The power of the Holy Spirit changes lives. We often forget that we have access to the same Holy Spirit today. Pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you today in a powerful way. And for somebody that God brings to your mind that they may experience the power of the Holy Spirit today. Pray for the others doing the study alongside you that they may pour out their spirit and others around them.



Worship:

Reread verse 16. Today through faith in the name of Jesus, God is still healing and performing miracles. Spend time worshiping him for the miracles he has done and is still doing.



Disciple:

Reread verses 28-31. Today let's pray for that same boldness to share God's word. Ask God to bring someone to mind. Filled with the Holy Spirit, speak boldly about Christ to the person that God has laid on your heart.



ACTS 5

Study:

Reread verse 29. What does it mean for you to obey God rather than man. Journal your reflection. See also John 14:15, Titus 3:1, 1 Samuel 15:22, Hebrews 11:6, Hebrews 4:11-12, Romans 13:1

AUGUST 9



ACTS 6

Reflect:

Reread verses 1-7. Here we see the early Church struggling to see themselves as one body, each seeing their own struggles as more important than the others. Reflect on the world wide body of Christ. Where do you struggle with seeing yourself as one with the rest of the body?

AUGUST 10

Pray & catch up on missed reading

AUGUST 11



AUGUST 12 Perd ACTS 7

Reflect:

In some ways the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah's task was similar to Stephen's situation. Read Jeremiah 7:23-28. Reflect on the boldness that God called out of Jeremiah and Stephen. In what ways has God called you to boldness like this?



Pray:

Reread verses 1-8. The church was experiencing great sorrow and great persecution, yet we see that many miracles were being performed, many were coming to believe, and that great joy was growing. Spend time in prayer today. Ask the Holy Spirt to show you how the sorrow you have experienced has or will produce great joy.



Worship:

God didn't just forgive Saul for persecuting his people, he redeemed his sins and allowed him to be a chosen instrument to proclaim his name. Spend time worshiping Jesus for his forgiveness and redemption in your life.

AUGUST 15 Lead

ACTS 10

Study:

Reread verse 28. What law is Peter referring to? Did God actually say not to invite a gentile into their home or was this an added rule to ensure the people would not begin worshiping other gods? See Joshua 23:6-13 and **Deuteronomy 7. Consider Ruth's marriage to Boaz** (Ruth2:21-23) and the two spies that entered Rahab's house (Joshua2). Read Deut. 10:19 & Lev. 19:34. What was God's instruction and what was the purpose behind it?

AUGUST 16 Lead

ACTS 11

Disciple: Memorize verse 21. My friend, the Lord's hand is with you too! Go tell someone today about Jesus!

AUGUST 17

Pray & catch up on missed reading

AUGUST 18





Pend ACTS 12

Pray:

Reread verses 5-17. Miracles happen when we pray earnestly. Today earnestly pray for our brothers and sisters imprisoned around the world.

AUGUST 20 Pead ACTS 13

Disciple:

This chapter is a wonderful example of using scripture to minister to others. Prayerfully write down 5 scriptures that you will memorize and commit to use when you are disciplining others this week.

AUGUST 21 Pead ACTS 14



Reflect:

Reread verse 9. Reflect on what it means for you to have faith to be healed in the areas of your life you are asking for healing. Also, reflect on what it means to keep your eyes open searching for others that have the faith to be healed.

AUGUST 22



Lead ACTS 15

Worship:

Reread verse 11. Spend time praising and worshiping Jesus for the grace he has given us.

AUGUST 23

ACTS 16

Study:

Study a map of Paul's second missionary journey. Reflect on the time and effort it must have taken him to travel by foot/boat to these areas. What would it take for you to have the same level of commitment to discipleship? You can google search this map or type in the link below. <u>https://biblemapper.com/blog/index.php/2021/02/08/paul</u> <u>s-second-missionary-journey/</u>

AUGUST 24

Pray & catch up on missed reading

AUGUST 25



AUGUST 26 Pead ACTS 17

Disciple:

We see in verse 2 and verses 11-12 that the use of the scriptures is crucial in discipling others. Practice the 5 scriptures that you wrote down and began memorizing last week (8/20). Can you use one of these scriptures to teach someone about Jesus today?



Reflect:

Reread verses 9-10. What has the Holy Spirit told you not to be afraid of? How can you walk in that faith today?

AUGUST 28 Pead ACTS 19

Study:

Study a map of Paul's 3rd missionary journey. We often read through these chapters as though the travel took days or months but these missionary journeys took years. Reflect on how Paul's faith must have grown in each city and the journey between cities. You can google search this map or type in the link below.

https://biblemapper.com/blog/index.php/2021/03/22/pauls -third-missionary-journey/



ACTS 20

Worship:

Reread verse 22-24. We see the Holy Spirit preparing Paul for the hardships ahead. How has the Lord prepared you for hardships to come? Spend time worshiping God for equipping us for all that we need for the trials we face.





ACTS 21

Prayer:

Even though some believers tried to talk Paul out of going to Jerusalem each prophecy he received strengthened Paul's certainty and resolve. Spend time in prayer. Thank God for the gift of prophecy in some believers. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what God is calling you to?

AUGUST 31

Pray & catch up on missed reading

SEPTEMBER 1



SEPTEMBER 2



ACTS 22

Disciple:

Paul is sharing his testimony. Write down your testimony and share it with someone today.

SEPTEMBER 3



Reflect:

Revisit Romans 9:15. Consider the protection given to Paul in the last few chapters because he was a Roman citizen by birth. Consider how few at that time would have been a Roman citizen by birth (Acts 22:28), a Pharisee (Acts 23:6), and have worked for the Sadducees (Acts 22:4-5). Paul's entire life was preparing him for this moment. The same is true for your life. Reflect on how your life has prepared you for the calling God has placed on your life.

SEPTEMBER 4

lead ACTS 24

Pray:

In this chapter we see that Paul has spent two years in prison under the order of governor Felix. We also see Felix allowing Paul the freedom to have visitors, thus allowing him to write and pass along many letters that would later become a large part the New Testament in the Bible. God used this hard time of trouble for Paul to encourage an unimaginable number of future believers. How is God using the hard times in your life to encourage others? Spend time in prayer thanking God for his perfect plan (even your troubles). Ask him to show you how your hardships can help draw others to Jesus.

SEPTEMBER 5

Pead

ACTS 25

Study:

Paul was tried before the Jewish rulers and the Roman rulers as Jesus was. Read Matthew 26:57-65 and 27:11-14. How did Jesus's response to questioning compare and contrast with Paul's responses? Why do you think Jesus responded as he did?



Worship:

Reread verse 18. Spend time worshiping God. Give him thanks and gratitude for the wonderful gift of salvation.

SEPTEMBER 7

Pray & catch up on missed reading

SEPTEMBER 8





Reflect:

In what ways did Paul demonstrate the qualities of a leader during the harrowing voyage to Rome? Do you see any of those leadership qualities in yourself?

SEPTEMBER 10

Pead ACTS 28

Reflect:

As you look back over the record of the first century church as recorded by Luke in the book of Acts, what impresses you most? What convicts you most? How will you move forward in this conviction?

SEPTEMBER 11

Reflect on your time in this study. Praise God for all He is working in you!

