



Journey Through
S C R I P T U R E

2022 Guide

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Why?

Currently, we are all pilgrims in this way of faith, but God has not left us alone. He gives us his Holy Spirit, fellowship with believers, and revelation of Scripture. Most of us are dehydrated in this journey of life because we aren't drinking in the living water of God's Word. This year as we Journey Through Scripture, we want to encounter God in the narrative of Scripture. In doing so, we want to be more intentional about seeing God in our stories. And at the end of the day, let us drench ourselves in God's word until we all make it home.

The goal of reading the Bible through in a year is not to mindlessly check off boxes. Yes, we want everyone to grow in Biblical literacy, mainly because you will encounter the Living God. Feel free to skim some passages while meditating on others. Success is determined by prioritizing time with God as his child as he communicates to us through his Word. Ask the Lord to open your heart, mind, ears, and eyes to see his love for you!

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

Which Plan Are We Using?

There are many different reading plans. We chose *The Bible Recap* (a chronological plan) and will be preaching through this one. Our whole church will be using this same plan, and it will be a unique experience for men, women, youth, families, and journey groups to all be reading through the same thing together. As you read, take time to **reflect** on the passage, **repent** of your sins, and **rejoice** in your Savior revealed in his Word!

"The best part is that this plan is chronological, meaning we don't just read the books straight through, but we read the order that it plays out in history. I was able to see, consistently and in a relatively short amount of time, how the whole picture of God's plan for humanity and for eternity played out. For example, when the Israelites were exiled, I was able to read their songs of lament from the Psalms "in real time" instead of out of context. Stories I have known my whole life took on a new meaning when read this way."

-Allison Mayernik

How Do I Get Prepared?

Most of your answers can be found on the website for the reading plan we are doing. It can be found at:

thebiblerecap.com/start

1. Download **YouVersion Bible App** on your Apple, Android, or Kindle  
2. Search for the reading plan called **“The Bible Recap”**  
3. Scroll down and select the **“The Bible Recap with Tara Leigh Cobble”** (365 day - full Bible)
4. **Don't click “Start Plan”**. Click **“Save Plan for Later”** (You will click **START** on January 1)

Other Resources Available

- **Full printed plan** - We have these printed! Feel free to use the printed plan and not the app
- **Abbreviated plan** - 4-5 selected chapters per week (available in this booklet)
- **Study guides** (Journey Groups and Bible studies will use these)
- **Devotional cards** for families (available in December)
- **Sunday Elective** in January (“Why the Bible Matters in 2022” taught by Mark Reed in Sanctuary)
- **Bible Recap Podcast** (6-8 minutes each day with helpful historical context). You can find the Bible Recap Podcast on any podcast app including iTunes, Spotify, Podbean, and more!

“I think it helped me feel “closer” to God, because I knew that I had read His Word. Like if someone wrote you a letter, after reading it, you’d feel closer to that person knowing they wrote you a letter, and you could understand them more. I’d say it also gave me a more positive view of the Bible and makes it more exciting to get back into, like rewatching a movie you really like.”

-Daniel Williams

Abbreviated Plan

If you are not able to read the full reading plan one week, or any week, read these selected chapters.
The weekly sermon will be from one of these passages.

Week of	Passages	Week of	Passages
Jan 1	Genesis 1-4	Jul 4	Isaiah 1; Jonah 1-4
Jan 3	Genesis 9, 11; Job 1-2	Jul 11	Isaiah 9, 11; Amos 1; 2 Kings 17
Jan 10	Genesis 12, 15; Job 38, 40	Jul 18	2 Kings 18; Hosea 1-3, 11
Jan 17	Genesis 17, 21-22, 24	Jul 25	2 Kings 19; Isaiah 52-53, 55
Jan 24	Genesis 37, 41, 50 ; Exodus 1-2	Aug 1	2 Kings 23; 2 Chron. 34; Jer. 1; Zeph. 3
Jan 31	Exodus 5, 12-14	Aug 8	Jeremiah 4; 6-7; 23
Feb 7	Exodus 32-34; Leviticus 1	Aug 15	Jeremiah 31; 2 Kgs. 24-25; Habakkuk 1
Feb 14	Leviticus 5, 10, 16, 19	Aug 22	Jer. 52; Lam. 3; Ezekiel 1-2
Feb 21	Numbers 3-6	Aug 29	Ezekiel 10, 18, 20, 24
Feb 28	Numbers 11-14	Sep 5	Ezekiel 33-34, Ezekiel 36-37
Mar 7	Deuteronomy 1, 5-7	Sep 12	Daniel 1-3; Ezra 1
Mar 14	Deuteronomy 8-11	Sep 19	Esther 1-2, 9
Mar 21	Deuteronomy 31; Joshua 1, 5-7	Sep 26	Nehemiah 13; Malachi 4; Matthew 1; John 1
Mar 28	Joshua 24; Judges 1-3	Oct 3	Mark 1-2; John 4-5
Apr 4	Ruth 1-4	Oct 10	Matthew 5-7, 9-11
Apr 11	1 Samuel 15-17; Psalm 34	Oct 17	Matthew 18; Luke 9; John 7-8
Apr 18	1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 1; Ps. 63, 121	Oct 24	Luke 10-12; John 11
Apr 25	2 Samuel 5; 1 Chronicles 11; Ps. 102, 103	Oct 31	Mark 10-13
May 2	2 Samuel 6-7; 1 Chronicles 16; Psalm 1	Nov 7	Luke 23; John 14-16
May 9	2 Samuel 11-13, 15; Psalm 32	Nov 14	John 20-21, Acts 1-2
May 16	2 Samuel 16, 18, 19; Psalm 42	Nov 21	Acts 15; Gal. 1-3; James 1
May 23	1 Kings 1; 1 Chronicles 28; Psalm 110, 139	Nov 28	1 Corinthians 1-3, 2 Corinthians 4
May 30	1 Kings 3; Proverbs 1-2, Song of Songs 2	Dec 5	Romans 5-8
Jun 6	1 Kings 6; Proverbs 10-12	Dec 12	Ephesians 1-2; Philippians 2; Colossians 1
Jun 13	Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 150	Dec 19	1 Peter 1; 1 John 1; Hebrews 1,8
Jun 20	1 Kings 11-12; 2 Chron. 9; Ecclesiastes 12	Dec 26	Revelation 5, 12, 21-22
Jun 27	1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2		

You've Got Options - Take a Courageous Step!

We think that this is a great opportunity for many of us to take the time to read through the Bible this year. It will be a great experience to have the support of one another to encourage us along the way and the sermons further guiding us! However, if you cannot commit to the full plan in 2022, you can still join us on our journey! We have put together a few chapters from each week's reading in an Abbreviated Plan. A third option would be reading the sermon text for the week before you come to worship that Sunday. We will provide the sermon text in our weekly email. For whatever season or stage you are in, let's each consider how we can take courageous steps in our walk of faith in 2022 as we dive deeper in to God's Word!

Tier One: Full Reading Plan (Print-out or on You Version App)

Tier Two: Abbreviated Plan (On facing page)

Tier Three: Weekly Sermon Text (In weekly MRPC email)

Adult Journey Groups

All adult Journey Groups will be reading through the Bible in 2022 and using the Bible Recap daily study guide. Participants will begin their reading individually on January 1, and groups will resume meeting the first week of February and run through the beginning of May (they will meet again in the fall). Your Journey Group leader will distribute your daily study guide. Cost is \$15. Men interested in joining a Journey Group, contact Curtis cdubose@mitchellroad.org. Women's Journey Groups are currently full, but Women's Bible studies will be doing the same curriculum.

Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible Studies will also be reading through the Bible in 2022 and using the Bible Recap daily study guide. Those interested will begin their reading individually on January 1. Groups will begin meeting the first week of February and run through the beginning of May. They will meet on Wednesday mornings (9:30-11:00am) and Wednesday evenings (6:30-7:45pm). If you are interested please register online at mitchellroad.org/events so that we can order a study guide for you (\$15).

MR Kids and Youth

We hope to see kids and youth fall in love with God's Word! We will be providing resources that follow along with the full (or abbreviated) reading plan but are geared towards families. These resources will be available in December.

"Reading through the bible in a year has proved to be a great decision. Knowing that I have read every page in the bible helps me feel more confident in my faith, and in sharing it with others." -Harper Keever

Frequently Asked Questions

When do we start? We begin on January 1! However, there are some ways to get ready ahead of time. There are prep episodes on The Bible Recap Podcast that are very helpful to listen to before you start.

What is the benefit of the You Version app? The app can be useful in different ways! You can use all or some of the features - or don't use it at all!

- ⇒ Invite friends to join you - it is encouraging when you see a friend has read along with you. With this feature you can also leave comments at the end of the reading to share with your friends.
- ⇒ Bible Project videos - this reading plan has helpful videos built in throughout the year at the beginning of each book of the Bible.
- ⇒ You can listen to the Bible (have it read to you) while you drive or wash dishes or while you follow along in your hard copy. Even if you don't read or listen on the app, you can check off your reading on the app to follow along with your friends.
- ⇒ You can use whatever version of the Bible you would like (they are all on there!)

What if I don't want to use the You Version app? No problem! We have the full reading plan printed for you.

What text will you be preaching from? The preaching text each Sunday will come from the passages that you have read over the previous week. We will post the sermon text in the Wednesday email weekly.

I'm not in a Journey Group, but I would like to connect with other people reading through the Bible. Wonderful! On the app you are able to invite friends to track with you. You are able to share comments at the end of each reading. Also, women's Wednesday Bible Studies will be using the same curriculum!

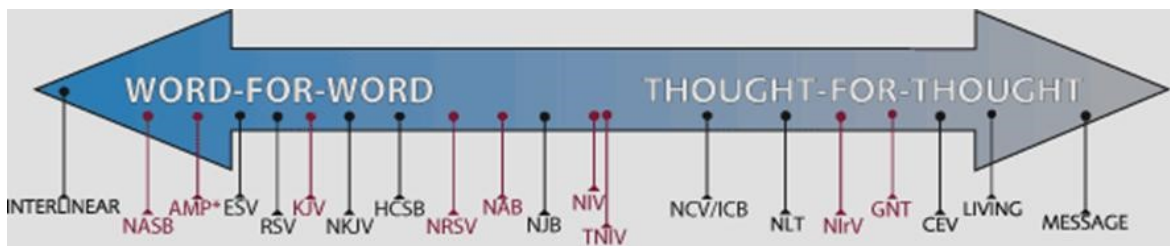
What if I can't read that much per week but I want to track along with the sermons? Included in this booklet is an abbreviated version of the reading plan (4-5 chapters per week), which will include the passage that will be preached from that Sunday.

What if I miss a day? Or a few days? Or get really behind? This is bound to happen at some point, so just plan to catch up soon after. If you can't catch up, just read the abbreviated plan that week and start with us again on Monday.

What if I didn't start in January? No problem; join us wherever we are! That will allow you to get the most out of our sermons and participate in discussion and conversations about our current texts!

Which Translation Should I Use?

There are different translations of Scripture for a reason. The key is to start with a translation you feel comfortable with. Word-for-word translations will be more accurate and literal. At the same time they can sacrifice readability. Thought-for-thought models help grab the concept but often can miss the precise or literal interpretation. The choice is up to you. Read a few passages online or at a local bookstore. Then decide which one you will use. On Sunday mornings, we read from the ESV translation.



Tips for Success

"It really helped me to have accountability. My husband and I read through the Bible during the same year and could talk about what we read."
-Elizabeth Martin

"I found that selecting one verse each day to write down and reflect upon was very helpful to me."
-Sarah Warren

"Having the option to have the Bible App read each day's passage to me has been extremely helpful and took a huge part of the intimidation factor away. I simply use the drive time to work to listen every morning."
-Hal Outen

"Before I started, I felt overwhelmed about what I would do if I got behind on my reading. I DID get behind on reading from time to time, but it ended up being a great picture of Christ's strength allowing me to keep this commitment! He gave me the will and the time to catch up when I got behind. Sometimes I would listen to the Bible being read while folding laundry, or I'd choose to read my Bible at night instead of another book. I discovered many ways to make this a priority in my day!"
-Caroline Maser

"Reading through the Bible seemed really daunting to me, so I asked a friend to do it with me so I had someone to encourage me and make sure I didn't give up. The best part about it was seeing that every book of the Bible points to God's love for His children. Sally Lloyd Jones says, "Every Story Whispers His (Jesus) Name," and reading through the Bible really showed me that God's plan was always Jesus."
-Jen Skelton

I Did It. You Can, Too!

“I loved seeing God’s pursuing love throughout the Old Testament, and then when I finally got to Jesus’ life on earth in the New Testament— wow! I want to follow Him!”
-Kristi Reed

“I did my first complete cover to cover read through the Bible about 10 years ago and then again five or six years ago. My motivation came from a couple of directions. First, when I did it the first time, I’d been a Christian for over 50 years and there was the fact that I’d never done it before. I thought of it as an endurance event that would include hills. However, there was also a genuine curiosity about the neglected books, mostly at the end of the Old Testament. The benefit, beyond the marathon finisher medal, was context. You start to see how this "Love Story," written by God the Father about his children, all fits together. The second benefit was falling back in love with the great Old Testament stories, the stuff I remember from Sunday School as a kid, the flannel graph stories.”
-Tim Halbert

“I think my biggest encouragement for people thinking about reading the Bible all the way through is that it’s the only way to get the full context of Scripture. If we believe the Bible is our authority, we need to know what it says! It’s daunting to tackle the whole thing, but it’s worth it.”
-Victoria Vineyard

“This past year has been one of the hardest in my memory. At a time when it would have been reasonable to be engulfed by sorrow, in a season of loss, or consumed by stress, when my commitments demanded more than I had to give each day, scripture has served as a tether to ground me in my faith. I have felt that tether secure me to a just and loving God all year and have grown in my knowledge and understanding of the scripture and my mighty Savior.”
-Mary Grace Godfrey

“Staying in the Word helps me. I tend to be an “all or nothing” person so usually I am all in or I will get away from something very quickly. So, even though I can sometimes be compulsive about staying on track or “checking off the box,” when I decided to take off reading through the Bible one year I found it hard to read it intentionally at all! Sticking with a Bible reading plan seems to work best for me. God seems to speak to me most through His Word, other people, and music, so this is a sure-fire way of giving myself an opportunity to hear His voice.”
-Hunter Cardinal

“I needed a better information diet, having become exhausted and stressed by the media and social media’s barrage of “worldly wisdom.” I needed to hear truth - absolute truth; so I decided to read through the entire Bible start to finish to fill my mind and soul with the voice of God. ...I feel as if the Lord has spoken “Peace be still” to the storm. And it is uncanny how often what I have read each day becomes a steady supply of truth I can share with others to help them as they navigate the world’s bombardment.” “Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.” (*Psalms 119:97*) -Stephen Reel