

Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:
What does it say?
What does it mean?
How can I live this out today?

- Genesis 2:2-3
- John 5:16-23
- Mark 2:23-28
- John 5:24-28
- Exodus 20:8-11

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Do you want to be healed?

The Healing at the Pool
Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."
Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"
So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who

was there. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.
The Authority of the Son
So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he

"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am

told you to pick it up and walk?" The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that

sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you

nothing. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.
Testimonies About Jesus
"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about

nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have

will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment

his testimony about

"I do not accept glory for myself in human beings, but I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. Can you believe since you do not accept glory from one another but do not accept the glory that comes from the only God?"

ment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.
"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me will have eternal life and will not be judged. Very truly I tell you, a man who hears my word and does not believe that God has granted the Son life in himself. And he who does not believe that I am the Son of Man.

me is true. "You have sent me to finish—the very works that the Father has given me to do. I mention it that you may be saved. John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. I have testimony weightier than that of John, because the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice

"But I do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But



to know work on the Sabbath?

We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you a special welcome gift. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.

Annual Meeting

Join us for dinner, hear highlights from the past year and get insight into the vision for the years ahead. Members will vote to approve the budget and leadership board candidates.

Monday, September 16, Chanhassen Campus.
Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm. Meeting: 6:30pm. RSVP online for dinner.

Kids and Students Launch

Come and enjoy games, food and inflatables. Parents can pick up your Launch Kit, which is filled with tools to use at home.

Kids Ministry Launch:

During services at both campuses on Sunday, September 8

Student Ministry Launch:

Bush Lake Campus:

6th-12th grade: Wednesday, September 4, 6:45-8:00pm.

Chanhassen Campus:

Middle School (6th-8th grade): Wednesday, September 4. 6:45-8:00pm

High School (9th-12th grade): 8:00-9:30pm

Sabbath Controversy

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²⁴"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. John 5:16-27

If you want to see God, look at _____.

John 5:19-23

Relief and serenity stem from a new _____.

John 5:24-27

Knowing Jesus as God captivates the distant soul, _____

or _____.

Sabbath Controversy

Is it OK to work on the Sabbath?

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1. How would you describe yourself 15 years into the future? What do you want to be known for?
2. When you paint a picture of Jesus in your mind, what do you see? Where does this image come from? Is it from a picture from your childhood or somewhere else?
3. Read **John 5:16-27** as a group. Unpack these verses as a group. What is new to you? What stands out? What do we learn about God? What do we learn about Jesus?
4. **John 5:22** says “the Father judges no one but has entrusted all judgement to the Son.” Does this verse change your view of Jesus? Discuss as a group.
5. Some see Jesus simply as a great moral teacher. What is missing in this thought? Discuss.
6. Read **John 5:24** as a group. Pastor Zac talked about the phrase “*crossed over*” as essentially changing addresses. Where we live and do life can so become part of our identity. Where do you find your identity? Where you live? In your job? Where you go/went to school? In your family? As a mom, dad, sister, brother? In your friends and relationships? In your accomplishments? Be honest.
7. As we look at the lives of the Pharisees, they are striving through actions and deeds and seeking God’s approval for what they have done. We can struggle with this too as we try to win God’s approval by attending church, serving, Bible study etc. Or on the other end of the spectrum we can be apathetic, knowing of Jesus, but not really digging into it or making it a priority. Where are you on the spectrum? Apathy or Approval? Share with the group. How can the group pray around this?
8. **“Relief and serenity stems from a new identity”** This new identity is in Jesus. If we are assuming a new identity in Jesus, how does this change how we live our lives? What impact does this have on you personally? If you have yet to commit your life to Christ, what is holding you back? If you would like to take that step, let your group leader know and they can assist you.

If I ever reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there first, to meet some I had not thought to see there, second, to miss some I had expected to see there and third, the greatest wonder of all, to find myself there.-John Newton