

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?

- Psalm 42:1–4
- Hebrews 4:12
- Luke 9:21–27
- Matthew 8:18–22
- Matthew 28:16–20

Want to go deeper? Check out our discussion questions to engage more with the sermon this week. You can find them at westwoodcc.org/current-message-series

Thank you for your generosity in 2019!

2019 Giving Statements:

Year to date giving history is available electronically on Westwood Life, our church management software. If you have not yet created a login to Westwood Life, go to westwoodcc.ccbchurch.com, set up your account and follow the instructions to view and print your giving statement. If you need help accessing your giving records, please e-mail accounting@westwoodcc.org or call Liz Hetherington at 952-224-7374.

Cash or Check:

To be recorded as a 2019 contribution, gifts of cash or check must be received at Westwood Community Church by 5:00pm on December 31, 2019. Contributions also qualify as a 2019 gift if postmarked on or before December 31, 2019 or are made online through Westwood's website by 11:59pm on December 31, 2019.

Stock or Mutual Funds:

If you are considering a year-end gift of stock or mutual funds to support the ministries of Westwood, please note that these transactions can take more than 30 days to process. You will find helpful instructions at westwoodcc.org/giving. If you have any questions contact our Accounting Manager, Liz Hetherington, at 952.224.7374.



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we're so glad you're here!

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. Or you can text Connect to 952.234.3301. We have great programs for kids and students. If you have young children with you who get restless, we have a Family Room. The ushers can help direct you. For more info on everything happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.

HELP FEED HUNGRY KIDS (AND THEIR FAMILIES!)

More than 700 volunteers are needed to help pack 200,000 meals for places like Malawi and Mozambique. Westwood's Annual Food Pack is Friday, December 27 at Feed My Starving Children's site in Chanhassen (18732 Lake Drive East). Invite your small group, friends or family to join you for a 2 two-hour packing shift and have fun while doing good together! Sign up for your shift online.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING FOR CHRISTMAS!

Join us for a very special Christmas at Westwood. Stop by the Info Spot to pick up an invitation you can use to invite friends and family. You can see the schedule of services offered at our campuses and RSVP for the one you plan to attend on our website.

The Myanmar Story

Why is there an accelerated movement of love in Myanmar?

Christians...

• Drink Deeply

Psalm 42:1

• Die Daily

Luke 9:23

• Declare Dynamically

Matthew 28:19-20

Advent Hope
From Minnesota to Myanmar
December 15, 2019

1. Christmas is a time when many celebrate with song. The songs of Christmas can be new or can be old familiar tunes. Share with the group a favorite Christmas song. Why is it your favorite?
2. Pastor Joel just returned from a trip to Myanmar. Do you know where Myanmar is? For most of its independent years, Myanmar has been engrossed in ethnic strife and has been involved in one of the world's longest ongoing civil wars. Over 80% of the country is Buddhist. Christians are only 6.2% of the population and are persecuted. Discuss this as a group. How would your faith look different if you lived in Myanmar?
3. As Pastor Joel shared the stories of his journey to Myanmar, what resonated with you?
4. Read **Psalm 42:1** as a group. How does your "soul pant" for God? We can *drink deeply* of God's presence through digging into His word and through prayer. What does this practice look like for you? Do you need to add or change what you are doing currently? Consider using the Bible Reading Plan that is in the program each week or starting a prayer journal as a group.
5. Read **Luke 9:23- 27** together. What strikes you in this passage? To take up our cross and follow Jesus means to be willing to publicly identify with him, even in opposition, inconvenience and hardship. What would this look like for you? Do you identify with Jesus publicly? Are you willing to do so? What holds you back?
6. The verses in Matthew 28 are referred to as the Great Commission. Read **Matthew 28: 16-20**. These are the last words that Jesus leaves his disciples with. They must be important. What would your last words be if you died today?
7. As you look at these verses in Matthew, Jesus is asking his disciples to make more disciples. AND he is asking us to do the same. The mission is worldwide. We are to go-- for some this is across the street, for some it is across the world. What does this look like for you? Where do you feel called to GO? Unpack this as a group.

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