

Daily Bible Reading Assignment #1 (due at the beginning of Week 2)

Name _____ **Instructor** _____ **Date** _____

Starting tomorrow, set time aside in your schedule to complete the readings below.

Check the box next to each chapter that you read. The checked boxes should honestly reflect the Bible reading you have done that week.

Beside each reading below are things to watch for & questions for reflection. These questions are to help guide your reading. We are **not** asking you to turn in written answers to these. The part we **do** want written answers is on the *other side of this sheet*—the application questions under “looking back on the week.” At the beginning of each week of class, please turn in this sheet of readings and your written responses to “looking back on the week.”

Day 1

- Genesis 1 & 2 In these two chapters notice how things were BEFORE sin entered the world. Things have been abnormal ever since. Look for signs of God’s original design for people.

Day 2

- Genesis 3 Notice how the serpent focused his attack on *what God said*. That was his prelude to getting them to disobey. Notice how Adam and Eve changed.

Day 3

- Genesis 12 This chapter, especially 12:1-3, is a major text in God’s plan for humanity. God will build a nation that “blesses” (or positively impacts) the rest of the nations. Notice the initial circumstantial or human *barriers* to the promise that come up in verses 4-20. In other words, look at the things that happened that would have made it hard to believe God’s promise of offspring and possession of the land.
- Genesis 13 Again, look for obstacles to the promise to Abraham that you read about in Genesis 12. Look also steps of faith you see Abraham taking.

Day 4

- Genesis 22:1-18 Abraham’s faith is put to the test. Does he believe God’s promise in Genesis 12 enough to act on it? Compare with John 3:16 and Romans 8:32

Day 5

- Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23,24 Notice how the author links the beginning of this book with what has gone on in Genesis and how new obstacles have come up that make the promise of Genesis 12:1-3 seem untrue.
- Exodus 12:1-14 Why is the event called Passover? Compare with 1 Cor. 5:7.
- Numbers 21:6-9 Notice how strange the cure is. Compare with John 3:14,15.

Day 6

- 1 Samuel 17:1-47** Consider the lesson of the story: are we supposed to imitate David here, or does it relate to Jesus somehow?

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Daily Bible Reading Assignment #2 (due at the beginning of Week 3)

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Day 7

- Exodus 20 Notice the law of God, reaction of the people, and Moses' response to the people.
- Deuteronomy 10:12,13 Look for *why* God gives his commands.

Day 8

- Exodus 25:1-22 This passage describes what is to be done about violations of the law: the sacrificial system. Notice the sanctuary (tabernacle) God instructs them to build and how specific the guidelines are. Notice the "ark" and the items inside and on top of the ark. These items tell a symbolic story of God's problem with humanity and how He will solve it.
- Hebrews 9:1-14 This New Testament passage tells how Jesus fulfilled what the Tabernacle foreshadowed.

Day 9

- Samuel 7:1-16 This passage, along with the reading last week in Genesis 12, forms a second key thread in God's plan: a coming kingdom that will last forever.
- Isaiah 9:6,7 This passage was written nearly 300 years after the previous one in 2 Sam. 7. Notice how it ties in with that passage. How does it expand on previous passage of the coming king?
- Daniel 7:13,14 Notice that this passage combines the promises of Genesis 12 (the nations of the world) and 2 Samuel 7 (the coming kingdom)

Day 10

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Who could this servant be? Notice the contrast between him/he and us/our.
- Psalms 22:1-31 What is happening to the person in this passage. Compare with Mark 15:34; Gal. 3:13

Day 11

- Isaiah 1:10-21 Notice God's view of religious formality and His desire to give grace.
- Jeremiah 2:11-13; 3:20-22; 6:13-14 Think about the idea of spiritual adultery.

Day 12

- Ezekiel 16:1-34 How are you like Israel?
- Ezekiel 36:25-28 God's provision for unfaithfulness
- Ezekiel 37:24-28 A future "David." Compare Revelation 5:5; 22:16

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Daily Bible Reading Assignment #3 (due at the beginning of Week 4)

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Day 13

- John 1:1-18 Who is the “word?” How is the word related to God?
- Luke 2:1-20 Notice what gives God joy.
- Matthew 5:13-16 & Acts 9:36-40. How are “good deeds” connected to sharing our faith?

Day 14

- Luke 5:1-11 Notice Jesus’ response to Peter’s feeling of being a sinful man. Do you identify with Peter’s feeling? What is the cure, according to this passage?
- Luke 5:27-32 Notice who Jesus hung around and how the religious felt.
- Luke 15:1-32 Notice the many references to what gives God joy and the many references to “lost” things. Do you celebrate the way God does? Has apathy set in? What could you do today to make progress toward valuing lost people more?

Day 15

- Luke 22:1-24:12 This is the “passion of the Christ” narrative. Read in one sitting.

Day 16

- Acts 1:8 What is the connection between experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit and being His witness? Have you been experiencing His power lately?
- Acts 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20 Notice the concern for the growth of the early Christian movement. Do you believe that can happen today?
- Acts 1 & 2 Notice how God pours out His Spirit and the impact. Notice the lifestyle of the early Christians in 2:42-47.

Day 17

- Acts 13 Notice the role of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 16 Notice the different kinds of people that responded to the message of Christ and the different ways God reached them.
- Acts 18:9,10 Notice why Paul is told by God not to be afraid.

Day 18

- Romans 1:16 Why is Paul unashamed?
- Romans 3:18-31 (try to read the NLT on this) Notice how clearly this chapter explains how to come to Christ. Consider sharing it with someone.
- 1 Cor. 1:18-2:5 Notice that the gospel message is counter-intuitive, but not irrational. Notice how Paul dealt with fear.

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Daily Bible Reading Assignment #4 (due at the beginning of Week 5)

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Day 19

- Colossians 1 (all) Notice the dynamics of the early Christian movement in 1:4-8. Do you see why it was growing? Notice the main elements of the prayer for progress in 1:9-14. In 1:15-23 Paul details Christ's supremacy.
- Colossians 2 (all) Notice the different things Jesus accomplished in his death and resurrection.

Day 20

- Colossians 3:1-4:6 Notice the profile of a loving person in this chapter. In 4:2-6 notice the advice given for how to tell the story of God changing you
- Colossians 4:12,13 Notice how Epaphras prayed for new Christians.

Day 21

Notice in the two chapters below the recurring focus on the advancement of the gospel.

- Philippians 1
- Philippians 2

Day 22

For the four chapters of 2 Timothy, see what observations you can make about spiritual leadership.

- 2 Timothy 1
- 2 Timothy 2

Day 23

- 2 Timothy 3
- 2 Timothy 4

Day 24

- Revelation 1 Look for how Jesus is both a Savior and King.
- Revelation 7:9,10 Notice this fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3
- Revelation 21:1-4 Notice the end of death and suffering
- Revelation 22:1-6 Notice how the problems that began in Genesis (withdrawal of the tree of life, scattered nations, the curse; forfeited rulership) are resolved

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Has doing this plan for the last 28 days been helpful to you? How so? Did you enjoy it?