



FBC Reading Plan

April 2019

Why a Reading Plan: God speaks to people through His Word. It is what He uses to transform our lives by orienting our minds toward His truth and aligning our heart toward what He loves. The aim of this reading plan is not to merely check a box off a list, but to encourage our church body to spend time hearing from God. Here at FBC we want to provide you with the tools to grow. This reading plan aligns with the Sunday morning message and Life Group times.

How to use this booklet: Each week you will start with the passage that the sermon that coming Sunday will be based on. Each week will have a theme and each reading will compliment that theme. The passages are relatively short to encourage you to spend more time thinking through a passage and writing down a few thoughts. We have provided at least one question to give you something to think through. However, we do encourage the H.E.A.R. method. Because the passages are shorter, the reading is the **highlight**. We encourage you to then write a short **explanation** of what the passage is saying and the big idea the author is trying to communicate. We think **application** is a crucial part of a transformation process. In this section, you are writing down how you can apply the truth from this passage to your life. Application should always be done in a spirit of prayer, as you are asking God to reveal to you how it applies. Finally, it is not enough to settle for knowing some truth or how it might apply to your life without a specific response. So we encourage you to write out a **response**. This can be a response to God or a specific action you will take as a result of your time with the Lord.

Memory Verse: This year, we want to challenge you to memorize a different passage of Scripture each month. That memory verse is provided on the next page in the ESV, NIV, and NLT versions.

April's Memory Verse

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43 (ESV)

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV)

39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" 40 But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? 41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." 43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43 (NLT)

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Day 1 Highlight: Luke 23:32-42

Explanation:

Following the example of the second criminal on the cross, what is confession?

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Application:

Response:

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Day 2 Highlight: Psalm 51

Explanation:

When we are truly repentant, what will we want God to do?

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Application:

Response:

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Day 3

Highlight: Psalm 130

Explanation:

The psalmist is well aware of his sin, but also confident of God's forgiveness (vv. 3-4). In the act of confession, why can Christians be confident of God's forgiveness?

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Application:

Response:

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Day 4

Highlight: Psalm 32

Explanation:

God has forgiven all of our sin through Christ. Why then is it still important for Christians to confess their sins to God throughout their lives? (cf. Matt. 6:12)

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Application:

Response:

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Day 5

Highlight: Matthew 18:9-14

Explanation:

What are the differences between the Pharisee and the tax collector?
What does this teach you about confession?

Week 1: Confession

Starting Date April 1st

Application:

Response:

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Day 1 Highlight: John 19:28-30

Explanation:

Consider your life during the past week. Have you been resting in the finished work of Christ? If not, what has caused you to mistrust that finished work?

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Day 2 Highlight: John 12:20-36

Explanation:

How does a grain of wheat illustrate Jesus's work? How does it also illustrate how his disciples should live?

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Day 3

Highlight: John 4:31-38

Explanation:

How do Jesus's disciples participate in the work that Jesus accomplished?

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Day 4

Highlight: John 6:35-40

Explanation:

What was the work Jesus came to do? How was that accomplished?

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Day 5

Highlight: John 17:1-19

Explanation:

In this prayer, Jesus emphasizes his faithful obedience to the Father. What is the work that Jesus did and how did it glorify God the Father?

Week 2: It Is Finished

Starting Date April 8th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Day 1 Highlight: John 20:24-29

Explanation:

Thomas not only calls Jesus “Lord” but also “God.” Why does Thomas believe that Jesus is God?

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Day 2 Highlight: John 5:16-47

Explanation:

Jesus claimed to be equal with God (v. 18). What does Jesus give as support for this claim?

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Day 3 Highlight: John 10:22-42

Explanation:

What must we believe about Jesus? On what basis does Jesus say we should believe?

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Day 4 Highlight: John 12:37-50

Explanation:

Describe how the Father and the Son work together. Is there a particular work that the Son does or a particular work that the Father does? Or do they do the same thing?

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Day 5

Highlight: John 14:1-14

Explanation:

Describe how the Father and the Son work together. Is there a particular work that the Son does or a particular work that the Father does? Or do they do the same thing?

Week 3: Easter

Starting Date April 15th

Application:

Response:

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 11:4-7

Explanation:

What attitudes, actions, and beliefs are appropriate for those who live by faith?

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Application:

Response:

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Day 2

Highlight: Genesis 4:1-16

Explanation:

According to the author of Hebrews, what is the difference between Abel's sacrifice and Cain's sacrifice? What was the fundamental cause of Cain's murder?

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Application:

Response:

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Day 3

Highlight: Genesis 5:22-24

Explanation:

Enoch walked with God, and then he disappeared because God took him. Based on this, what does the author of Hebrews conclude must have been true about Enoch?

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Application:

Response:

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Day 4

Highlight: Genesis 6:9-7:24

Explanation:

What is the connection between faith and “reverent fear” (Heb. 11:7)?
How did Noah exhibit these qualities?

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Application:

Response:

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Day 5

Highlight: Genesis 8:1-9:19

Explanation:

Because of his faith, Noah was convinced of God's coming judgment and trusted in God's deliverance. What parallels do you see between Noah's situation and our situation as Christians?

Week 4: Witnesses, Pt. 2

Starting Date April 22nd

Application:

Response:

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 11:8-22

Explanation:

Does faith lead to earthly benefits or eternal benefits?

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Application:

Response:

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Day 2 Highlight: Genesis 12:1-9

Explanation:

What did Abram have to give up to live by faith? Is there anything that you must give up in order to live by faith today?

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Application:

Response:

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Day 3

Highlight: Genesis 15:1-21

Explanation:

Faith is being convinced of God's promises, perhaps in spite of one's current circumstances. How do Abram's concerns (vv. 2-3) and God's response help you deal with your own questions about God's promises?

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Application:

Response:

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Day 4

Highlight: Genesis 17:15-19; 18:9-15; 21:1-7

Explanation:

Abraham and Sarah both initially laugh at God's promise of Isaac, but God nevertheless fulfills his promise (note: Isaac means "he laughs"). What does that teach you about God's patience with his people?

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Application:

Response:

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Day 5

Highlight: Genesis 22:1-19

Explanation:

Is faith always logical? Why or why not?

Week 5: Witnesses, Pt. 3

Starting Date April 29th

Application:

Response:
