



FBC Reading Plan

June 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.

June's Memory Verse

14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; 16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

Hebrews 12:14-16 (ESV)

14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. 16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

Hebrews 12:14-16 (NIV)

14 Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. 15 Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. 16 Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal.

Hebrews 12:14-16 (NLT)

Week 1: Strive for Peace & Holiness

Starting Date June 3rd

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 11:14-15

Explanation:

Why are both peace and holiness essential to a healthy church?

Week 1: Strive for Peace & Holiness

Starting Date June 3rd

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date June 3rd

Day 2 Highlight: Romans 12:9-21

Explanation:

How do we live peaceably with one another?

Week 1: Strive for Peace & Holiness

Starting Date June 3rd

Application:

Response:

Week 1: Strive for Peace & Holiness

Starting Date June 3rd

Day 3

Highlight: Leviticus 19:1-37

Explanation:

What sort of behavior is holy?

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Starting Date June 3rd

Application:

Response:

Week 1: Strive for Peace & Holiness

Starting Date June 3rd

Day 4 Highlight: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Explanation:

According to Peter, what is the reason Christians should be holy in all their conduct?

Week 1: Strive for Peace & Holiness

Starting Date June 3rd

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date June 3rd

Day 5

Highlight: Deuteronomy 29:10-29

Explanation:

What is the “root of bitterness” in this passage? How may that apply to the situation to which the author of Hebrews writes?

Week 1: Strive for Peace & Holiness

Starting Date June 3rd

Application:

Response:

Week 2: Finding Satisfaction in Christ

Starting Date June 10th

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 12:16-17

Explanation:

“Watch out for the Esau syndrome: trading away God’s lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite” (v. 16; The Message). What sins do you indulge in out of impulse? What does the author think will help us deny those impulsive sins?

Week 2: Finding Satisfaction in Christ

Starting Date June 10th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date June 10th

Day 2

Highlight: Genesis 25:19-34

Explanation:

The author of Hebrews alludes to this story in 12:16. At first glance, Esau does not seem to be sexually immoral nor unholy. Yet, how does he illustrate the attitude and actions of someone who does something sexually immoral or unholy?

Week 2: Finding Satisfaction in Christ

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Application:

Response:

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Day 3

Highlight: Romans 1:18-32

Explanation:

What is the cause of the evil actions described in vv. 28-32?

Week 2: Finding Satisfaction in Christ

Starting Date June 10th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date June 10th

Day 4

Highlight: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Explanation:

What is God's will for his people?

Week 2: Finding Satisfaction in Christ

Starting Date June 10th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: Finding Satisfaction in Christ

Starting Date June 10th

Day 5

Highlight: Ephesians 5:1-21

Explanation:

What should motivate us to be imitators of God?

Week 2: Finding Satisfaction in Christ

Starting Date June 10th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 12:18-25

Explanation:

If we assume that Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians living under threat of persecution somewhere in the Roman Empire (perhaps Rome itself), what would be particularly powerful about the author speaking of their “coming to Mount Zion...the heavenly Jerusalem”?

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Application:

Response:

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Day 2 Highlight: Exodus 19:1-25

Explanation:

Try to imagine this scene in your mind. What does it teach you about God and the significance of his law?

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Day 3 Highlight: Exodus 20:1-21

Explanation:

How do the people respond to the giving of the law?

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Day 4

Highlight: Psalm 68

Explanation:

How does this description of God encourage you and strengthen your faith?

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date June 17th

Day 5

Highlight: Revelation 21:1-22:5

Explanation:

What surprises you or excites you about this description of our eternal hope?

Week 3: Come to the Holy Mountain

Starting Date June 17th

Application:

Response:

Week 4: Bow Before His Trembling Voice

Starting Date June 24th

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 12:26-29

Explanation:

When and where does worship happen?

Week 4: Bow Before His Trembling Voice

Starting Date June 24th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date June 24th

Day 2 Highlight: Haggai 2:1-9

Explanation:

God spoke this word to the Israelites who returned to the land of Canaan after exile in Babylon. How does the author of Hebrews expect this word to be fulfilled?

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Starting Date June 24th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date June 24th

Day 3

Highlight: Luke 19:11-27

Explanation:

Note the reason that Jesus told this parable in v. 11. In addition to Hebrews 12:26-29, how should those who are to receive the kingdom of God worship God and prepare for the kingdom's arrival?

Week 4: Bow Before His Trembling Voice

Starting Date June 24th

Application:

Response:

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Day 4 Highlight: 2 Peter 3:1-14

Explanation:

What effect does the “fire” have on the heavens and the earth? How will this lead to a new heavens and new earth?

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Application:

Response:

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Day 5

Highlight: Deuteronomy 4:1-24

Explanation:

Can you give some examples of idols that people have today? Why does God hate idolatry so much?

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Starting Date June 24th

Application:

Response:
