



FBC Reading Plan
May 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.

Week 4: The Lord's Loving Discipline

Starting Date May 27th

Application:

Response:

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Day 5 Highlight: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Explanation:

How does God expect his church to discipline one another? What is the purpose of church discipline?

May's Memory Verse

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT)

Week 1: Witnesses, Pt. 4

Starting Date May 6th

Day 1 Highlight: Hebrews 11:23-28; 35b-38

Explanation:

These verses teach that faith does not always lead to blessing in this life. Why is prosperity not necessarily a result of faith? What is a result of faith then?

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Day 4 Highlight: Job 1:1-2:10

Explanation:

What surprises you about this story?

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Day 2 Highlight: Exodus 1-2

Explanation:

Where do you see faith at work in this story?

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Day 3

Highlight: Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Explanation:

How might God discipline his children? Why does he do this?

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Application:

Response:

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Starting Date May 6th

Day 3 Highlight: Exodus 3-4

Explanation:

How does God respond to his people when they are afflicted?

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Response:

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Day 2 Highlight: Proverbs 3:1-12

Explanation:

Why is it wise to learn from discipline?

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Starting Date May 6th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date May 6th

Day 4 Highlight: Exodus 7:14-9:35

Explanation:

What similarities do you see between the several plague accounts?

What was the purpose of the plagues?

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Application:

Response:

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Day 1 Highlight: Hebrews 12:4-13

Explanation:

If God does not discipline you, can you truly be his child? What does that teach you about God and yourself?

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Starting Date May 6th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date May 6th

Day 5 Highlight: Exodus 10:1-12:32

Explanation:

What is the significance of the Passover meal, and why was it to be celebrated every year?

Week 3: Don't Grow Weary or Lose Heart

Starting Date May 20th

Application:

Response:

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Day 5 Highlight: Psalm 25

Explanation:

How does this psalm teach us to look to God?

Week 1: Witnesses, Pt. 4

Starting Date May 6th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: Witnesses, Pt. 5

Starting Date May 13th

Day 1 Highlight: Hebrews 11:29-35a

Explanation:

These verses teach that faith often results in great victories. What is the connection between our faith and God's action?

Week 3: Don't Grow Weary or Lose Heart

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Application:

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Day 4 Highlight: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Explanation:

Why are self-control and discipline essential attributes for Christians?

Week 2: Witnesses, Pt. 5

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Starting Date May 13th

Day 2 Highlight: Exodus 12:33-13:16

Explanation:

What gives God the right over the Israelites' firstborn boys and animals of the flock? What relevance does that have for your life?

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Day 3 Highlight: Philippians 2:1-18

Explanation:

How has God been making you more like Christ? What specific quality from this passage might God want to especially work on in your life?

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Day 3 Highlight: Exodus 13:17-14:31

Explanation:

Which comes first, the people's faith or God's power? What connection do you see between faith and fear in this story?

Week 3: Don't Grow Weary or Lose Heart

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Day 2 Highlight: Ephesians 4:17-5:20

Explanation:

What is the reason that Christians should lay aside the old self (or "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely" (Heb. 12:1))? What replaces the old self, and what does that teach you to about facing temptation?

Week 2: Witnesses, Pt. 5

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Application:

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Day 4 Highlight: Exodus 15:1-21

Explanation:

In what ways does this song confirm or alter your understanding of who God is?

Week 3: Don't Grow Weary or Lose Heart

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Response:

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Day 1 Highlight: Hebrews 11:39-12:3

Explanation:

What should motivate the Christian to persevere to the end?

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Day 5 Highlight: Joshua 2; 6

Explanation:

Why might it have been difficult for Rahab to have faith? Why might it have been difficult for the Israelites to have faith? What is making faith difficult for you today?

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Response:
