



FBC Reading Plan
September 2018

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.

September's Memory Verse

1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-4 (ESV)

1 We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2 For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NIV)

1 So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. 2 For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. 3 So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? 4 And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NLT)

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Day 1 Highlight: Hebrews 1:1-3

Explanation:

Out of the list of qualifications that make Jesus a better spokesperson for God the Father than the prophets, which ones stand out to you and why?

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Day 5 Highlight: Philippians 3:1-11

Explanation:

How is salvation through Jesus greater than works of the law?

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Application:

Response:

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Day 2 Highlight: Psalm 19

Explanation:

When you consider what God has created, what does it communicate to you about Him?

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Application:

Response:

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Day 4 Highlight: Matthew 11:1-6

Explanation:

Does Jesus answer John's question?

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Application:

Response:

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Day 3 Highlight: Exodus 19:1-9

Explanation:

What stands out to you concerning God's way of communicating to His people through Moses?

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

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Application:

Response:

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Day 3 Highlight: Deuteronomy 28

Explanation:

What is your reaction after reading the blessings and curses of the Law?

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Application:

Response:

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Day 4 Highlight: John 5:16-47

Explanation:

What makes the word of the Son of God so powerful?

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Day 2 Highlight: Acts 7:51-53; Gal 3:19-20

Explanation:

Hebrews 2:2 talks about a message declared by angels. According to the passages you read today, what is that message and what role do the angels have in declaring that message?

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Starting Date September 10th

Application:

Response:

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Day 5 Highlight: 2 Peter 1:12-21

Explanation:

How does this passage change or affirm what you believe about the trustworthiness of the Bible?

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Application:

Response:

Week 3: A Great Salvation!

Starting Date September 24th

Day 1 Highlight: Hebrews 2:1-4

Explanation:

Hebrews is speaking to Jewish Christians who seem to struggle with reverting back to Judaism under immense pressure from fellow Jews. What warning does the author of Hebrews give?

Week 1: God Speaks!

Starting Date September 10th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: Jesus...Better than Angels!

Starting Date September 17th

Day 1 Highlight: Hebrews 1:4-14

Explanation:

The author of Hebrews speaks of two relationships that make Jesus better than the angels. One is His relationship to the Father, and the second is his relationship to creation. In what way do these relationships resonate with you?

Week 2: Jesus...Better than Angels!

Starting Date September 17th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date September 17th

Day 5

Highlight: Colossians 1:15-20

Explanation:

Which one of these true statements about the person or position of Jesus Christ resonates with you today?

Week 2: Jesus...Better than Angels!

Starting Date September 17th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date September 17th

Day 2 Highlight: Revelation 5

Explanation:

What does this awesome worship scene in heaven communicate about Jesus?

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Starting Date September 17th

Application:

Response:

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Starting Date September 17th

Day 4 Highlight: Luke 2:8-15

Explanation:

In this spontaneous worship scene before some shepherds in a field at night, what do you see communicated about Jesus?

Week 2: Jesus...Better than Angels!

Starting Date September 17th

Application:

Response:

Week 2: Jesus...Better than Angels!

Starting Date September 17th

Day 3

Highlight: Revelation 19:1-10

Explanation:

What does the angel's reaction to John bowing to him imply about the superiority of Jesus?

Week 2: Jesus...Better than Angels!

Starting Date September 17th

Application:

Response:
