



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES



Bible Reading Plan Journal
February 2026

Memory Verses, plan for 2026

This year, we will be memorizing the first 18 verses of the Gospel of John. Our method will be a few verses each month, with several “review” months. The objective is to keep these verses at the center of our heart, use them in our daily fellowship and influence those around us.

These verses provide a “lens” by which you can read the entire Gospel of John. This prologue is consistent with the writings of the first century, in which the content of the narrative is provided at the start.

John begins with what appears to be a retelling of creation, but then quickly moves into the news that is as important, if not more, than all of creation; the incarnation of the Word: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (1:14). RC Sproul refers to this verse as one of the most profound verses in all of God’s Word.

John introduces many themes in this prologue: “light”, witness, true/genuine, world, glory, truth. John also introduces how the “Word”, whom was with God from eternity past, came into space and time to become the Jesus of history. This disclosed the glory, grace and love of God.

Prologue (John 1:1-18). The Revelation of the Word

- a. Introduction to the Word (1:1-5)
- b. Witness to the Word (1:6-8)
- c. Manifestation of the Word (1:9-14)
- d. Uniqueness of the Word (1:15-18)

Source Material: Exegetical Commentary on the NT, John (Edward W. Klink; Zondervan, 2016); Encountering John (Andreas J. Kostenberger; Baker, 2013), ESV Study Bible (Crossway, 2008); Expositor’s Bible Commentary, John (Merrill C. Tenney, Zondervan, 1981); Pillar NT Commentary, The Gospel According to John (D.A. Carson, Eerdmans, 1981); The Dily Study Bible Series, The Gospel of John (William Barclay, Westminster, 1975)

Memory Verses

John 4,5

(The Word became Flesh: Life, Light, Shines in darkness)

English Standard Version (ESV)

- ⁴. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- ⁵. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

New International Version (NIV)

- ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

New Living Translation (NLT)

- ⁴. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.
- ⁵. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Week 1 – February 2-6

Monday | 2 Samuel 24

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Tuesday | 1 Kings 1

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 1 – February 2-6

Wednesday | 1 Kings 2

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Thursday | 1 Kings 3

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 1 – February 2-6

Friday | 1 Kings 4

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 2 – February 9-13

Monday | 1 Kings 5

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Tuesday | 1 Kings 6

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 2 – February 9-13

Wednesday | 1 Kings 7

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Thursday | 1 Kings 8

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 2 – February 9-13

Friday | 1 Kings 9

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 3 – February 16-20

Monday | 1 Kings 10

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Tuesday | 1 Kings 11

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 3 – February 16-20

Wednesday | 1 Kings 12

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Thursday | 1 Kings 13

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 3 – February 16-20

Friday | 1 Kings 14

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 4 – February 23-27

Monday | 1 Kings 15

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Tuesday | 1 Kings 16

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 4 – February 23-27

Wednesday | 1 Kings 17

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Thursday | 1 Kings 18

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 4 – February 23-27

Friday | 1 Kings 19

Highlight (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

Implication (What impact does this have on my life?)

Apply (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Reading Plan for 2026

Our reading plan for 2026 will continue through the OT narrative of God's chosen people as God honors His covenant by blessing them and building them into a sovereign nation. Like all of God's covenants, God promises blessing for obedience and punishment for disobedience. The children of Israel were punished by losing their independence many times. They were finally exiled thereby losing much of their individual tribal identity (II Kings 25; II Chronicles 36). Even to this day, we know them as the children of Israel; as opposed to ones from the tribe of Reuben, Simeon, Levi, etc. God restored them to Jerusalem (Ezra, Nehemiah) but never restored their national independence.

We will then pick up in the NT with Luke and Acts, God's chosen people under Roman rule. This narrative will trace the incarnation of Jesus, His ministry, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. We will trace through the narrative and birth of the early church. We will see God's hand upon both the Jews and Gentiles. The Gentiles being blessed through God's chosen people with Christ.

We will next read through the epistles that were written, primarily to the Jews (1&2 Peter, Hebrews), followed by Pauline letters written to the Gentiles (Romans, et al). All contain rich salvation theology.