



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES



Bible Reading Plan Journal
July 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).

Memory Verses

Review from May and June

John 1:1-8

English Standard Version (ESV)

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² He was in the beginning with God.
- ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 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.
- ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
- ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

New International Version (NIV)

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² He was with God in the beginning.
- ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- 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.
- ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
- ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.
- ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

Week 1 – July 6-10

Monday | Acts 15

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Tuesday | Acts 16

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 1 – July 6-10

Wednesday | Acts 17

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Thursday | Acts 18

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 1 – July 6-10

Friday | Acts 19

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 2 – July 13-17

Monday | Acts 20

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Tuesday | Acts 21

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 2 – July 13-17

Wednesday | Acts 22

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Thursday | Acts 23

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 2 – July 13-17

Friday | Acts 24

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 3 – July 20-24

Monday | Acts 25

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Tuesday | Acts 26

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 3 – July 20-24

Wednesday | Acts 27

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Thursday | Acts 28

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 3 – July 20-24

Friday | 1 Peter 1

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 4 – July 27-31

Monday | 1 Peter 2

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Tuesday | 1 Peter 3

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 4 – July 27-31

Wednesday | 1 Peter 4

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Thursday | 1 Peter 5

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

Week 4 – July 27-31

Friday | 2 Peter 1

Highlight (What Promise, Command, Characteristic about God is presented?)

Context (How does this passage contribute to the Biblical Narrative?)

Theology (What does this passage teach me about God?)

Application (How should I apply message this today?)

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 Isreal 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 Isreal; as opposed to ones from the tribe of Rueben, Simeon, Levi, etc. (see extra notes in this booklet after the reading form II Chronicles 36). 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.