



FBC Reading Plan

June 2020

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. Reading the Bible is critical to a Christian's growth. But it is especially powerful to read the Bible with others. This reading plan is the basis for all of our D-Groups, and we hope it fosters deeper spiritual conversations in our families and between our members.

How to use this booklet: Each day has a passage of Scripture for you to read. There are also some questions to prompt your reading and reflecting on the passage. We encourage the H.E.A.R. method for reading Scripture, especially if it is a new discipline for you. First, **highlight** a verse or verses that speak to you from the passage. Then, **explain** what those verses mean in relation to the broader context and how they support the big idea the author is trying to communicate. Next, **apply** this verse to your everyday life. For example, how should this change your desires, your behavior, or your relationships? 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 finally **respond**. This can be a prayer or a specific action you will take after hearing this verse or passage.

Memory Verse: Because Scripture is God's Word, it is important that a Christian spend regular time memorizing God's Word so that he or she can always find encouragement and guidance from God. This month's memory passage is provided on the next page in the ESV, NIV, and NLT.

June's Memory Verse

43 “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, 44 for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. 45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

Luke 6:43-45 (ESV)

43 “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. 45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”

Luke 6:43-45 (NIV)

43 “A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit. 44 A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. 45 A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.”

Luke 6:43-45 (NLT)

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Day 1

Highlight: Colossians 4

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43

Sunday's Message: Romans 5:1-11

Explanation:

What does v. 2 teach you about prayer? How is watchfulness and thanksgiving connected to steadfast prayer?

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Application:

Do you walk in wisdom toward those who are not Christians? Is your speech (whether physical or digital) always gracious?

Response:

Pray that God would open doors for you to share the gospel and for doors to open around the world for the preaching of the gospel.

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Day 2

Highlight: Ephesians 1

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43

Explanation:

What are the spiritual blessings with which God has blessed us in Christ?

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Application:

Based on vv. 15-23, what are things you should regularly pray for in your own life and in the lives of other believers?

Response:

Pray for others based on Paul's prayer in this passage.

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Day 3

Highlight: Ephesians 2

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43

Explanation:

Describe what life is like for everyone apart from Christ. What has changed for believers?

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Application:

For what purpose did God save you? Is God's grace toward you motivating you to do good works?

Response:

Ask that God would open your eyes to the good works he has prepared for you.

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Day 4

Highlight: Ephesians 3

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43

Explanation:

Paul writes this letter as a prisoner (vv. 1, 13). What is it about his calling that encourages him in the midst of his suffering? Why should his hearers not lose heart because of his suffering?

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Application:

Once again, Paul teaches us to pray by his own example. Based on vv. 14-21, what are things you should regularly pray for in your own life and in the lives of other believers?

Response:

Pray for others based on Paul's prayer in this passage.

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Day 5

Highlight: Ephesians 4

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43

Explanation:

What is the purpose of God's gifts?

Based on this passage, what does it mean to be a mature Christian?

Week 1: The Letters of Colossians & Ephesians

Starting Date June 1st

Application:

In what ways do you still need to “put on the new self” in true righteousness and holiness?

Response:

Pray for God to reveal to you where you need to grow and the strength and discipline to grow in that area.

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Day 1

Highlight: Ephesians 5

Memory Verse: Luke 6:44

Sunday's Message: Romans 5:12-21

Explanation:

How can a person be an imitator of God?

What is the purpose of marriage?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Application:

Based on Paul's commands in vv. 1-21 (especially to take "no part" in the unfruitful works of darkness), how do you need to change the way you engage with media (whether it be social media, movies/TV, music, etc.)?

Response:

How does your life need to change if these words are the very commands of God?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Day 2

Highlight: Ephesians 6

Memory Verse: Luke 6:44

Explanation:

How does a Christian serve his or her earthly masters with a sincere heart “as you would Christ”?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Application:

What do Christians wrestle against? Does this cause you to desperately seek the armor that only God can provide?

Response:

Prayer seems to be the capstone, the essential action of God's warrior. How can you grow closer to "praying at all times in the Spirit"?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Day 3

Highlight: Philippians 1

Memory Verse: Luke 6:44

Explanation:

Paul writes that righteousness is the necessary fruit that comes through Jesus Christ. Why is righteous behavior a necessary thing in the life of a believer? How does it praise and glorify God?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Application:

Do you live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ? Why or why not?

Response:

How are you letting God use your life for others' progress and joy in the faith (v. 25)?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Day 4

Highlight: Philippians 2

Memory Verse: Luke 6:44

Explanation:

How should Jesus's life give shape to a Christian's life and to the life of the church?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Application:

How do you “work out your own salvation” even while God himself is working within you?

Response:

Ask God to reveal how you can humble yourself in order to care for the needs of others.

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Day 5

Highlight: Philippians 3

Memory Verse: Luke 6:44

Explanation:

If righteousness is a gift from God given by faith, why does Paul still strive to attain the resurrection from the dead “by any means possible”?

There is something that Paul has not yet obtained and so strives to make his own (v. 12), and yet he also commands us to “hold true to what we have attained.” What have we not yet attained and what have we already attained as believers?

Week 2: The Letters of Ephesians & Philippians

Starting Date June 8th

Application:

Are you striving with the same tenacity as Paul to attain resurrection from the dead?

Response:

Praise God for the free gift of righteousness through faith in Christ, and ask for strength to continue striving toward resurrection.

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Day 1

Highlight: Philippians 4

Memory Verse: Luke 6:45

Sunday's Message: Romans 6:1-14

Explanation:

How can a person rejoice at all times? How can a person do “all things” through God’s strength?

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Application:

Are you thinking about “these” things in v. 8? Is there anything in your life that you are not sure whether it falls under these descriptions?

Response:

Rejoice in the Lord!

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Day 2

Highlight: Philemon

Memory Verse: Luke 6:45

Explanation:

Philemon was Onesimus's master and Onesimus his slave (v. 16). How does Paul expect the gospel to transform relationships in a way contrary to society's values?

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Application:

Consider the relationships in your life, especially with other believers. Are those relationships governed by the world's values or have they been reshaped according to the gospel?

Response:

Pray that the relationships in our church would reflect our common sharing in the gospel rather than the division that we see in the world.

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Day 3

Highlight: Hebrews 1

Memory Verse: Luke 6:45

Explanation:

What is especially unique about God's Son?

How is the Son superior to the angels?

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Application:

Jesus is God's ultimate self-revelation. Does the amount that you listen to and obey him reflect this reality?

Response:

Praise the Son for his qualities described in this passage.

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Day 4

Highlight: Hebrews 2

Memory Verse: Luke 6:45

Explanation:

What warning does this passage give to those who refuse to listen to the gospel message?

Describe who Jesus is and what he has done based on this chapter.

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Application:

How should you face suffering based on what God teaches us here?

Response:

Pray for believers who you know are suffering that they might sense Jesus's help.

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Day 5

Highlight: Hebrews 3

Memory Verse: Luke 6:45

Explanation:

This chapter emphasizes the need for a Christian to be faithful to God until the end. Why is it so important that “we hold our original confidence firm to the end”?

Week 3: Philippians, Philemon, & Hebrews

Starting Date June 15th

Application:

An evil heart is a real danger to those in the church. Are you doing all you can to make sure you and other brothers and sisters in Christ will not fall away?

Response:

Pray for yourself and others to not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 4

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Sunday's Message: Romans 6:15-23

Explanation:

How does a person enter God's rest? What will cause them to fail to enter God's rest?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Application:

Are you prepared to give an account to him who discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart?

Response:

How do you need to strive differently to ensure you enter God's rest (v. 11)?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Day 2

Highlight: Hebrews 5

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

What are the qualities of a high priest? How is Jesus qualified to be our high priest?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Application:

Jesus is the source of eternal salvation “to all who obey him.” The section that follows continues this emphasis on continued growth in the Christian life. Why is obedience important in the Christian life? How have you been growing recently?

Response:

Jesus himself offered passionate prayers to the Father. If Jesus needed to pray, certainly we need to too. Do you pray with the same urgency that Jesus exhibited?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Day 3

Highlight: Hebrews 6

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

The author challenges his listeners to “go on to maturity” and to produce a “useful crop” and to “not be sluggish.” Why is he so concerned that Christians exhibit these qualities?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Application:

How is God described in this passage? How does that affect your life?

Response:

How might your earnestness to work for and love the saints need to increase?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Day 4

Highlight: Hebrews 7

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

Why is the priestly “order” of Melchizedek greater than the Levitical priesthood?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Application:

What benefits do you receive with Jesus Christ as your high priest before God?

Response:

Praise God for your high priest who always lives to make intercession for you.

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Day 5

Highlight: Hebrews 8

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

What is new about the new covenant?

Week 4: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 22nd

Application:

What does it mean to know God? Do you know him?

Response:

If you are under the new covenant, how should you live?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Day 1

Highlight: Hebrews 9

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Sunday's Message: Romans 7:1-6

Explanation:

What are the differences and similarities between the first covenant and its administration and the new covenant administered through Jesus?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Application

How does your life and attitude reflect the reality that Jesus put away sin once and for all by the sacrifice of himself?

Response:

Are you eagerly waiting for Jesus to return?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Day 2

Highlight: Hebrews 10

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

On what basis can a person draw near to God with full assurance of faith?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Application:

This chapter contains both of these truths: the complete perfection that comes to us through the sacrifice of Christ (v. 14) and the need to endure if we are to receive what has been promised (v. 36). How do these realities work together practically in your own life?

Response:

Who can you stir up to love and good works today?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Day 3

Highlight: Hebrews 11

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

After reading this chapter, how would you define “faith” in your own words? Then, explain how a few of these people from the Bible exhibited faith.

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Application:

How do you display faith in your own life?

Response:

Where do you need more faith in your life?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Day 4

Highlight: Hebrews 12

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

How does Jesus influence our resistance to temptation (i.e., our laying aside every weight and our running with endurance)?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Application

Read v. 10 carefully. A good life is a holy life, which comes only through discipline. Do you rejoice in the hope of becoming holy? Do you willingly undergo discipline since it will make you holy?

Response:

Are you striving for the holiness that is necessary for Christians to have (v. 14)?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Day 5

Highlight: Hebrews 13

Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-45

Explanation:

Jesus is the sacrifice that sanctified his own people once for all. What “sacrifices” do his people offer up to God?

Week 5: The Letter of Hebrews

Starting Date June 29th

Application:

There are several commands in this passage. Which ones do you see in your life, and which ones are lacking?

Response:

What changes do you need to make in order to fulfill the commands given in this chapter?