



**FBC Reading Plan**  
**November 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.

### November's Memory Verse

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 6:20-23 (ESV)**

20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 6:20-23 (NIV)**

20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. 21 And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. 22 But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 6:20-23 (NLT)**

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Day 1** **Highlight:** Matthew 14      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:20  
*Sunday's Message:* Romans 11:1-10

**Explanation:**

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What do you learn about Jesus in this chapter?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Application:**

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What does it mean that God is a “a God of seeing”? Do you believe that God sees you?

**Response:**

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Are you in any way, like Abraham, doubting God's faithfulness to fulfill his promises?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Day 5** **Highlight:** Genesis 16-17    *Memory Verse:* Luke 6:20-23

**Explanation:**

Why does Sarai want Abram to have a child with Hagar? How does God respond to the birth of Ishmael?

Describe the covenant that God makes with Abraham in ch 17.

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Application:**

It seems Jesus withdraws in order to grieve John's death (v. 13). Nevertheless, he compassionately serves, heals, and feeds the crowds who seek him. How does this story affect the way you approach Jesus?

**Response:**

Go to God in prayer today knowing that he is ready to show you compassion.

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Day 2** Highlight: Matthew 15      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:20

**Explanation:**

What defiles a person?

Why does Jesus say that the Canaanite woman has great faith (vv. 21-28)?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Application**

How does this passage illustrate true faith?

**Response:**

In response to Abram's questions, God graciously makes a covenant to verify his promise. God has revealed his promises to us today in the gospel and made them clear in his word. Are you trusting in his word today in the midst of the many struggles that you face?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Day 4** **Highlight:** Genesis 15      *Memory Verse:* Luke 6:20-23

**Explanation:**

God reaffirms his word to Abram. How is this similar to and different from ch 12?

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Application:**

What are some common ways that we excuse the breaking of God's law today (v. 3)?

**Response:**

Confess any ways in which you have defiled yourself recently, and ask God to continue to purify your heart (v. 18-19).

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Day 3** Highlight: Matthew 16      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:20

**Explanation:**

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What is the sign of Jonah, and how is it given to this generation (v. 4)?

Why do vv. 13-28 belong together?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Application:**

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The people of God have always been blessed by God in order to bless others. How can you bless others in your life today?

**Response:**

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Give thanks to God for his blessing through the gospel of Jesus Christ, and ask him to reveal to you whom you can bless today.



**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Day 3** **Highlight:** Genesis 11-12    *Memory Verse:* Luke 6:20-23

**Explanation:**

Why does the Lord disperse the people at Babel?

What does this chapter teach us about Abram?

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Application:**

Who is Jesus? What does this mean for you today?

**Response:**

In what way are you losing your life for Jesus' sake?

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Day 4** **Highlight:** Matthew 17      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:20

**Explanation:**

What is Jesus' relationship to Moses and Elijah? How is he both similar to and different than them?

What should we learn about faith from vv. 14-21?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Application:**

How should Christians understand the existence of evil in light of the existence of an all-powerful God?

**Response:**

How should you respond to the God described in these chapters?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Day 2** **Highlight:** Job 40-42 *Memory Verse:* Luke 6:20-23

**Explanation:**

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Summarize God's continued response to Job.

How does Job respond to God?

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Application:**

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What should we learn about submission to authority in vv. 24-27?

**Response:**

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How is God calling you to respond to his word today?

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Day 5** Highlight: Matthew 18      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:20

**Explanation:**

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What authority do Christians and the church have over other Christians who are sinning?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Application**

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The central question of Job is, Why do the righteous suffer? (We did not read the bulk of the book, but this is the primary theme in chs. 3-31.)  
How does God answer Job's complaint about his suffering?

**Response:**

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How should you respond to the God described in these chapters?

**Week 5: Job & Genesis**  
Starting Date November 30

**Day 1** **Highlight:** Job 38-39      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:20-23  
*Sunday's Message:* Romans 12:3-8

**Explanation:**

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How would you describe God's tone in his response to Job? What reasons does God give to confirm his authority to respond to Job?

**Week 1: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 2nd

**Application:**

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Where in your life are you lacking humility? Who in your life are you resistant to forgive?

**Response:**

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Consider vv. 8-9, then read through the 10 commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and ask God to show you what in your life needs to be thrown away.

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Day 1** **Highlight:** Matthew 19      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:21  
*Sunday's Message:* Romans 11:11-24

**Explanation:**

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What do we learn from Jesus about marriage and divorce in this passage?

“Only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven” (v. 23). Why is it difficult specifically for a rich person?

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Application:**

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Based on these chapters, how should Christians understand the existence of evil while believing in a good God, especially the existence of suffering in the lives of godly people?

**Response:**

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How can you care for a person who is suffering?

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Day 5** **Highlight:** Job 1-2 *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:23

**Explanation:**

Why does Job suffer?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Application:**

Is there anything you need to give up for Jesus's sake (v. 29)?

**Response:**

Is there anything keeping you from receiving the kingdom of God like a child?

## Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew

Starting Date November 9th

**Day 2** Highlight: Matthew 20 Memory Verse: Romans 6:21

### Explanation:

Why do you think the owner purposefully pays the workers' wages beginning with the last ones hired and then up to the first ones hired (v. 8)? How does this help you interpret the parable?

What is the significance of vv. 20-28 following immediately after vv. 17-19?

## Week 4: Genesis

Starting Date November 23rd

### Application:

What comfort should we get from God's covenant with Noah?

### Response:

Isaiah used Noah's story as an illustration of God's steadfast love, which is ultimately fulfilled in Christ: "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you" (Isa. 54:9-10). Praise God for his never-failing love for us in Christ.



**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Day 4** **Highlight:** Genesis 8-9      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:23

**Explanation:**

What similarities do you see between these chapters and chapters 1-2 of Genesis? How does that help you interpret this passage?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Application:**

Do you see yourself first and foremost as someone who must be served by Jesus before you can go and serve others?

**Response:**

Who should you serve today?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Day 3** Highlight: Matthew 21      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:21

**Explanation:**

Why are the people so excited about Jesus? Why are the religious leaders so mad with Jesus?

The parable in vv. 33-46 may be one of the most important parables that Jesus told. What does it mean?

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Application:**

How has humanity changed since the time of Noah? What relevance does this have for you?

**Response:**

Pray for people whom you know do not trust in Jesus. Pray that God would cause them to come to know Jesus and thus be saved from his coming judgment.

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Day 3** **Highlight:** Genesis 6-7      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:23

**Explanation:**

Describe human nature based on these chapters.

What is the purpose of the flood?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Application:**

What verse or verses seem especially relevant to your life right now?  
How can you apply them to your life?

**Response:**

The kingdom of God belongs to those producing its fruits (v. 43). How are you producing fruit of the kingdom?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Day 4** **Highlight:** Matthew 22      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:21

**Explanation:**

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What is the meaning of the parable in vv. 1-14?

What belongs to “Caesar” and what belongs to God?

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Application:**

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In what ways do you sin in a way similar to Adam and Even or Cain?

**Response:**

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Confess any sin that you know of to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Day 2** **Highlight:** Genesis 3-4      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:23

**Explanation:**

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What is the root of Adam and Eve's sin in Genesis 3?

What is the root of Cain's sin in Genesis 4?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Application:**

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The two greatest commandments are given in vv. 37-40. Have you been obedient to them recently?

**Response:**

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How can you love your neighbor as yourself today?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Day 5** Highlight: Matthew 23      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:21

**Explanation:**

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In what ways were the Pharisees hypocrites?

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Application:**

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Consider what we know about God's character from these chapters.  
How should this be a source of peace for you?

**Response:**

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Praise God as the creator and sustainer of your life and our world.

**Week 4: Genesis**  
Starting Date November 23rd

**Day 1** **Highlight:** Genesis 1-2      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:23  
*Sunday's Message:* Romans 12:1-2

**Explanation:**

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What are the similarities and differences between Genesis 1:1-2:3 and 2:4-24?

**Week 2: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 9th

**Application:**

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The Pharisees did "all their deeds to be seen by others" (v. 5). How are you guilty of this same sin?

**Response:**

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Are you guilty of any form of hypocrisy that Jesus discusses here?  
Confess that to God.

### Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew

Starting Date November 16th

**Day 1** **Highlight:** Matthew 24      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:22

*Sunday's Message:* Romans 11:25-36

#### **Explanation:**

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What does this passage teach about Jesus's second coming?

### Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew

Starting Date November 16th

#### **Application:**

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Why should every Christian be involved in making disciples? What exactly does it mean to make disciples?

#### **Response:**

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Praise God for those who have discipled you, and pray for those whom you are discipling.



**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Day 5** Highlight: Matthew 28      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:22

**Explanation:**

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What are the different responses to Jesus's resurrection?

**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Application:**

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How does a person stay awake and become prepared for Jesus's second coming (v. 42, 44)?

**Response:**

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What do you need to do to be a "faithful and wise servant" who is prepared for his or her master's return (v. 45)?

**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Day 2** Highlight: Matthew 25      Memory Verse: Romans 6:22

**Explanation:**

This chapter continues to focus on Jesus's return. What is God teaching you about Jesus's return in this chapter?

**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Application:**

A crowd recently praised Jesus as the coming messiah (21:1-11), but another crowd condemns him to die instead of Barabbas. What does this teach you about human nature? How are you similarly susceptible to this?

**Response:**

Thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus for your sins.

**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Day 4** Highlight: Matthew 27      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:22

**Explanation:**

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What stands out after reading Matthew's account of Jesus's trial and crucifixion?

**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Application:**

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Each of these three teachings has a specific application (v. 13; 21, 23, 26, 29; & 35-40, 42-44). Which of these is most convicting to you today, and how does God want you to live differently in light of it?

**Response:**

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Pray that God would cause you to live faithfully as you anticipate Jesus's coming.

**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Day 3** Highlight: Matthew 26      *Memory Verse:* Romans 6:22

**Explanation:**

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Who is involved in putting Jesus to death? Why is Jesus arrested and condemned?

**Week 3: The Gospel of Matthew**  
Starting Date November 16th

**Application:**

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How does Jesus show compassion in this passage? How does that encourage you to approach him today?

**Response:**

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Meditate on the injustice that Jesus suffers in this chapter as well as his submission to God's will. How does that affect your heart today?