



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES



Bible Reading Plan Journal
February 2025

Memory Verses

Psalm 51:15-17

(Approaching God with reverence and humility)

English Standard Version (ESV)

- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

New International Version (NIV)

- ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

New Living Translation (NLT)

- ¹⁵ Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.
- ¹⁶ You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

The Book of Acts

video: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/acts/>

The book of The Acts of the Apostles, written by Luke, is the sequel of Luke's Gospel. While Peter is prominent, the content itself is primarily a narrative of Paul's ministry. Scholars consider Acts to be a historical narrative.

The overall narrative covers a lot of territory, as the belief in Jesus Christ spread. Acts mentions 30+ countries, 50 towns/cities, and nearly 100 people.

The book of Acts is a change from the four gospels, as well is different from most other NT books. There is no systematic account of teaching, though sermons do make up 20% of the book. Acts describes the development, discussions, and conflicts that took place during the spread of the gospel and growth of the early church. Importantly, Acts explains the declarations of the resurrected Jesus that made its way into the Roman controlled world. These declarations, in turn, are significant as a witness to early church practice and theology.

Key Themes

1. Christian witnesses continue the ministry that Christ began.
2. A key component of the witness is the resurrection of Jesus.
3. The witness: guided by God's providence, empowered by the Holy Spirit
4. The witness to the gospel calls for a response of repentance.
5. Faithful witnesses will suffer but are to keep the unity of the church.

Topical Outline

- I. Prologue (1:1-8)
- II. The Witness to Jerusalem (1:9-8:3)
 - a. The Anticipation of the Church (1:9-26)
 - b. The Founding of the Church (2:1-47)
 - c. The Growth of the Church (3:1-8:3)
 - i. Apostles: Preaching, healing, and enduring persecution (3:1-5:42)
 - ii. Deacons: Praying, teaching, and enduring persecution (6:1-8:3)
- III. The Witness to Judea and Samaria (8:4-12:25)
 - a. The Gospel to the Samaritans (8:4-25)
 - b. The Conversion of a Gentile (8:26-40)
 - c. The Conversion of Saul (9:1-31)
 - d. The Gospel to Judea (9:32-43)
 - e. The Gospel to the Gentiles (10:1-11:30)
 - f. The Persecution by Herod (12:1-25)
- IV. The Witness to the Ends of the Earth (13:1-28:31)
 - a. Paul's First Missionary Journey (13:1-14:28)
 - b. The Jerusalem Council (15:1-35)
 - c. Paul's Second Missionary Journey (15:36-18:22)
 - d. Paul's Third Missionary Journey (18:23-21:16)
 - e. Paul's Jerusalem and Caesarean Trials (21:17-26:32)
 - f. Paul's Journey to Rome (27:1-28:31)

Source Material: Encountering the New Testament (Elwell, Yarbrough; Baker, 2022), ESV Study Bible (Crossway, 2008); MacArthur Study Bible (Word, 1997)

Week 1 – February 3-7

Monday | Luke 22

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 | Luke 23

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 3-7

Wednesday | Luke 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?)

Thursday | Acts 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 3-7

Friday | John 15:1-17

Observations:

Are there any repeated words, phrases, or themes in the passage? If so, what are they?

Write down any promises, truth statements, or commands in the passage.

What is written before and after the passage that may help you understand what the author is trying to communicate?

Questions:

What statements or words are confusing to you that need further explanation?

What should you be asking yourself to better understand the meaning of the text?

Focus Passage - Friday | John 15:1-17 (continued)

Main Idea:

What are the potential themes in the passage?

What seems to be the main idea?

Can you capture the main idea in 15-20 words?

Implications:

What does the main idea of the text imply for believers?

Application:

What applications can be made based on the main idea of the text?

How does the main idea of the text have application in your own walk with Christ?

Digging Deeper Notes:

Week 2 – February 10-14

Monday | Acts 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?)

Tuesday | Acts 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 2 – February 10-14

Wednesday | Acts 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?)

Thursday | Acts 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?)

Friday | John 15:18-16:4a

Observations:

Are there any repeated words, phrases, or themes in the passage? If so, what are they?

Write down any promises, truth statements, or commands in the passage.

What is written before and after the passage that may help you understand what the author is trying to communicate?

Questions:

What statements or words are confusing to you that need further explanation?

What should you be asking yourself to better understand the meaning of the text?

Focus Passage - Friday | John 15:18-16:4a (continued)

Main Idea:

What are the potential themes in the passage?

What seems to be the main idea?

Can you capture the main idea in 15-20 words?

Implications:

What does the main idea of the text imply for believers?

Application:

What applications can be made based on the main idea of the text?

How does the main idea of the text have application in your own walk with Christ?

Digging Deeper Notes:

Week 3 – February 17-21

Monday | Acts 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?)

Tuesday | Acts 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?)

Week 3 – February 17-21

Wednesday | Acts 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?)

Thursday | Acts 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?)

Friday | John 16:4b-15

Observations:

Are there any repeated words, phrases, or themes in the passage? If so, what are they?

Write down any promises, truth statements, or commands in the passage.

What is written before and after the passage that may help you understand what the author is trying to communicate?

Questions:

What statements or words are confusing to you that need further explanation?

What should you be asking yourself to better understand the meaning of the text?

Focus Passage - Friday | John 16:4b-15 (continued)

Main Idea:

What are the potential themes in the passage?

What seems to be the main idea?

Can you capture the main idea in 15-20 words?

Implications:

What does the main idea of the text imply for believers?

Application:

What applications can be made based on the main idea of the text?

How does the main idea of the text have application in your own walk with Christ?

Digging Deeper Notes:

Week 4 – February 24-28

Monday | Acts 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 | Acts 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 4 – February 24-28

Wednesday | Acts 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 | Acts 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?)

Friday | John 16:25-33

Observations:

Are there any repeated words, phrases, or themes in the passage? If so, what are they?

Write down any promises, truth statements, or commands in the passage.

What is written before and after the passage that may help you understand what the author is trying to communicate?

Questions:

What statements or words are confusing to you that need further explanation?

What should you be asking yourself to better understand the meaning of the text?

Focus Passage - Friday | John 16:25-33 (continued)

Main Idea:

What are the potential themes in the passage?

What seems to be the main idea?

Can you capture the main idea in 15-20 words?

Implications:

What does the main idea of the text imply for believers?

Application:

What applications can be made based on the main idea of the text?

How does the main idea of the text have application in your own walk with Christ?

Digging Deeper Notes: