



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES



Bible Reading Plan Journal
January 2025

Memory Verses

Psalm 32:1-5

(Encouragement and Hope in times of need)

English Standard Version (ESV)

- ¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
²Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

New International Version (NIV)

- ¹Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
²Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
³When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
⁴For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. "And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

New Living Translation (NLT)

- ¹Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!
²Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!
³When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.
⁴Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.
⁵Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt.
I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

The Book of Luke

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

Luke states his purpose for writing the Gospel to which he is credited: to document that faith in Jesus is rooted in historical facts that will withstand the most severe scrutiny, because they are based on first-hand testimony.

Luke begins with God's universal work in the sending of Jesus as a concrete fact of human history. Luke places Jesus' birth within the context of historically verifiable Roman rulers and John the Baptist (Josephus). The coming of Jesus is for all to see and realize as message to them, including the Gentiles.

Luke brings focus to Jesus as the Savior of the world, from His birth to His last appearances. The Jesus' first teaching in Nazareth's synagogue, in the reading from the book of Isaiah, was consistent to His last. The theme being good news and favor to be realized through His death and resurrection that provides the salvation to the entire World.

Luke, unique from the other three Gospels, writes of the events of Jesus' early life, Mary (His mother), and the birth and parents of John the Baptist.

Luke seems to emphasize the place of women in Jesus' ministry, exceptional to the culture of His day. All Gospels record Jesus' welcoming attitude toward women, but Luke provides the most.

Luke shows a special interest in the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's work is shown very notably in the first several chapters; though consistent throughout. In the book of Acts, Luke continues to show the Holy Spirit as the guide for the believers' lives, empowering them for service.

Critical to Luke's Gospel are the theological ideas of salvation, the apostleship of the twelve disciples and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

Topical Outline

1. Preparation for Jesus' Ministry (1:1-4:13)
2. Proclamation of Salvation, by Jesus (4:14-9:50)
3. Discipleship, Galilee to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)
4. Destiny: Death and Resurrection in Jerusalem (19:28-24:53)

Source Material: Encountering the New Testament (Elwell, Yarbrough; Baker, 2022)

Week 1 – January 6-10

Monday | Luke 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 | Luke 7

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

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

Week 1 – January 6-10

Wednesday | Luke 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 | Luke 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 1 – January 6-10

Focus Passage - Friday | John 12:44-50

Observations:

1. Are there any repeated words, phrases, or themes in the passage? If so, what are they?
2. Write down any promises, truth statements, or commands in the passage.
3. What is written before and after the passage that may help you understand what the author is trying to communicate?

Questions:

1. What statements or words are confusing to you that need further explanation?
2. What should you be asking yourself to better understand the meaning of the text?

Main Idea:

1. What are the potential themes in the passage?
2. What seems to be the main idea?
3. Can you capture the main idea in 15-20 words?

Implications:

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

Application:

1. What applications can be made based on the main idea of the text?
2. How does the main idea of the text have application in your own walk with Christ?

Digging Deeper Notes:

Week 2 – January 13-17

Monday | Luke 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 | Luke 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 2 – January 13-17

Wednesday | Luke 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 | Luke 13

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

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

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Focus Passage - Friday | John 13:1-20

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Digging Deeper Notes:

Week 3 – January 20-24

Monday | Luke 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?)

Tuesday | Luke 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?)

Week 3 – January 20-24

Wednesday | Luke 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?)

Thursday | Luke 17

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

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

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Focus Passage - Friday | John 14:1-14

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Digging Deeper Notes:

Week 4 – January 27-31

Monday | Luke 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?)

Tuesday | Luke 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?)

Week 4 – January 27-31

Wednesday | Luke 20

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 | Luke 21

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 – January 27-31

Focus Passage - Friday | John 14:15-31

Observations:

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