**Knowing and Loving Jesus More:**

**The Aviano Baptist Church 2023-24 New Testament Reading Plan**

ABOUT THE JOURNEY AHEAD:

Reading through the New Testament is one of the most important journeys every Christian should take. We cannot know Jesus or how to live for Jesus without His revelation to us. Whether you have read through the whole New Testament before or not, our reading plan might be a new and helpful approach. We are reading through in roughly chronological order. When we get to the book of Acts, we will pause our reading in Acts to jump over to one of the letters that was written at that time. Knowing the context of the letters can often give insight into *why* the letter was written and *what* it means.

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THIS PROCESS:

1. **READ or LISTEN**: You may not enjoy reading. The great news is there are several websites like biblegateway.com or apps like YouVersion Bible that will read to you. Just make sure if you are listening that listening is the only thing you are doing. Don't let it be noise in the background; focus on the Word. Some like to listen while they read. It's a good practice to help keep the mind from wandering.
2. **MEASURE SUCCESS WEEK BY WEEK**: Face it--life will get "lifey." Something will happen and you will not get all the reading done some weeks. Many people undertake a Bible reading plan, fail one week and never get back on the reading train. You might miss some things one week, but don't let one bad week wreck the whole journey. Pick back up the next week as though nothing happened. If you have time to go back and catch up, great! If not, don't be discouraged. If you nail it more weeks than not, this will still be a rewarding journey.
3. **DO IT WITH OTHERS**. You will get FAR more out of this in you are talking with others about what we are reading. Their insights may be the "aha" moment you needed. Your insights just might be their "aha"! We all need accountability and encouragement when undertaking a big, worthwhile task. Our Men's and Women's Bible Studies are the natural starting point to doing it with others. Maybe this is a good opportunity for your family to read and talk about the Word together.
4. **BE READY FOR BIBLE STUDY.**

* Be ready to re-tell the stories/teachings of the week (maybe practice with your children). As you are reading, think about the following questions and be ready to share with the group:
  + What does this teach us about Jesus? (who He is, what He can do, how He feels about something)
  + What does this teach about how to live “fully pleasing to him”? (Col. 1:10)
  + What do I need to change in my own life because of what I just read? Remember: we are not reading for knowledge (information transfer) only; we are reading for life transformation.

**New Testament Reading Plan 2023-2024**

The dates on the plan indicate when we will be discussing the listed chapters. For example, for the week of 3 September, you should have Luke 1-5 read and ready for discussion on your Bible Study day (Men on 5 Sept and Women on 6 Sept).

Week of 3 Sept Luke 1-5 Birth of Christ between 6-4 BC

Week of 10 Sept Luke 6-10

Week of 17 Sept Luke 11-15

Week of 24 Sept Luke 16-20

Week of 1 Oct Luke 21-24 Crucifixion of Jesus ~33 AD

Acts 1-2 Written by Luke ~63 AD

Week of 8 Oct Acts 3-8

Week of 15 Oct Acts 9-14 Paul converted ~35 AD

**Paul’s First Missionary Journey 46-48 AD**

Week of 22 Oct James 1-5 Written by half-brother of Jesus ~48/49 AD

Acts 15:1-35 Jerusalem Council ~48/49 AD

Galatians 1-2 Written by Paul ~48/49 AD

Week of Oct 29 Galatians 3-6

Acts 15:36-18:22 **Paul’s Second Missionary Journey** **50-52 AD**

Week of 5 Nov 1 Thess. 1-5 Written while Paul was in Corinth ~51/52 AD

2 Thess. 1-3 Written just 6 months later while still in Corinth

Acts 18:23-19:22 **Paul’s Third Missionary Journey 53-57 AD**

1 Corinthians 1-2 Written while Paul was in Ephesus 55 AD

Week of 12 Nov 1 Corinthians 3-9

**[BREAK: No Bible Studies Weeks of 19 and 26 November.**

**Time to catch up on some missed readings.]**

Week of 3 Dec 1 Corinthians 10-16

Week of 10 Dec Acts 19:23-20:6 Journey from Ephesus to Macedonia

2 Corinthians 1-6 Written by Paul in 55AD in Macedonia

Week of 17 Dec 2 Corinthians 7-13

**[Break Weeks of 24 and 31 December. BONUS Reading during Break: Matthew]**

Week of 7 Jan Romans 1-7 Written by Paul in 57 AD in Corinth or Cenchrea

Week 14 Jan Romans 8-14

Week 21 Jan Romans 15-16

Week 28 Jan Acts 20:7-25:27 Return to Jerusalem; Paul Arrested

Week 4 Feb Acts 26-28

Colossians 1-4 Written 60 AD while Paul was in prison in Rome

Week 11 Feb Ephesians 1-6 Written 60 AD while Paul was in prison in Rome

Week 18 Feb Philemon Written 60/61AD while Paul was in prison in Rome

Philippians 1-4 Written 61 AD while Paul was in prison in Rome

1 Timothy 1-2 Written in 63/65 AD by Paul

Week 25 Feb 1 Timothy 3-6

Titus 1-3 Written in 63/65 AD by Paul

Week 3 Mar John 1-5 Written by Apostle John (maybe in 80’s AD)

We are reading John now to prepare our hearts for Passion Week

Week 10 Mar John 6-10

Week 17 Mar John 11-15

Week 24 Mar **SPRING BREAK** No Bible Studies this week. Did you miss some

readings? Might be a chance to get caught up.

Week 31 Mar John 16-21

Week 7 Apr 1 Peter 1-5 Written in 60/67 AD by Peter

2 Peter 1-3 Written by Peter ~65/68 AD

Peter martyred by Nero in 68 AD in Rome

Week 14 Apr Hebrews 1-7 Author and date unknown, though likely before 70

AD as there is no mention of the destruction of the Temple

Week 21 Apr Hebrews 8-13

Week 28 Apr 2 Timothy 1-4 Paul’s final letter 66/67 AD; Paul martyred 67 AD

1 John 1-5 Written by Apostle John ~85/90 AD

Week 5 May 2 John Written by Apostle John ~85/90 AD

3 John Written by Apostle John ~85/90 AD

Jude Written by half-brother of Jesus (Mk. 6:3) ~80 AD

Revelation 1-3 Written by Apostle John ~90/95 AD

Week 12 May Revelation 4-10

Week of 19 May Revelation 11-16

Week 26 May Revelation 17-22

[Summer Bonus Read the Gospel of Mark. Written by John Mark (Acts 12:25) in 50’s AD who also traveled with Peter. Mark is likely Peter’s account]