

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 if 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.

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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 Acts 1-2	Crucifixion of Jesus ~33 AD 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 Acts 15:1-35 Galatians 1-2	Written by half-brother of Jesus ~48/49 AD Jerusalem Council ~48/49 AD 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 2 Thess. 1-3 Acts 18:23-19:22 1 Corinthians 1-2	Written while Paul was in Corinth ~51/52 AD Written just 6 months later while still in Corinth Paul's Third Missionary Journey 53-57 AD 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 2 Corinthians 1-6	Journey from Ephesus to Macedonia 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 Philippians 1-4 1 Timothy 1-2	Written 60/61AD while Paul was in prison in Rome Written 61 AD while Paul was in prison in Rome 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 2 Peter 1-3	Written in 60/67 AD by Peter 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	1 John 1-5 2 Timothy 1-4	Written by Apostle John ~85/90 AD Paul's final letter 66/67 AD; Paul martyred 67 AD
Week 5 May	2 John 3 John Jude Revelation 1-3	Written by Apostle John ~85/90 AD Written by Apostle John ~85/90 AD Written by half-brother of Jesus (Mk. 6:3) ~80 AD 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]