



Growing Together



ENCOUNTERING GOD
IN COMMUNITY AT GRACE

2024





“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

ROMANS 15:4

Our Desire for this Resource

We’re passionate about God’s word here at Grace.

We’ve created this resource to help our people engage with scripture and stay connected to God’s word throughout the year. Our hope is that it would help you join us in reading the bible together, memorizing the bible together, studying the bible together, and laboring together for the bible to reach every country on earth.

Our prayer is that each of us would keep this booklet right next to our bible and that by this time next year, our Grace family would have a deeper love and a deeper understanding of God’s word.

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Read Together



“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

How to Read Scripture

Reading Scripture can feel intimidating. It can be hard to know where to start or how to apply what you’re reading. Although there are lots of ways to read and study the bible, we want to give you a simple tool to help you read, understand, and apply God’s word to your life. The HEAR method is a popular bible reading method that will help you see how the Bible transforms our hearts and minds, and it can be useful whether you’re a brand new disciple or whether you’ve been walking faithfully with Jesus for decades.

H — HIGHLIGHT

After reading, highlight any verses that stand out to you. Pay attention to whether there are any words or themes that are emphasized or repeated.

E — EXPLAIN

It’s important to remember that the bible is ultimately about God, not us. Consider the context of this passage by asking yourself these questions:

- *Who is writing this passage and who is their intended audience?*
- *How do these verses relate to the verses before and after it?*
- *What does this passage say about God? About man?*
- *What is God intending to communicate through this text?*

A — APPLY

As we examine God’s word, we want to let it transform our lives. Because of this, it’s important to always consider how we can apply and obey what we read. Ask yourself these questions:

- *Is there a promise to believe? A sin to avoid? Or, a command to obey?*
- *If I believe what this passage says, how will I live differently?*
- *How does this truth change my relationship with God? My relationship with others? My engagement with the world?*

R — RESPOND

Write out a response of prayer to God, asking God to change your heart and your life based on the time you’ve spent in his word.

- *Spend time meditating on what you have read.*
- *Choose 1-2 applications of this verse and prayerfully consider how you might pursue greater faithfulness in them.*



“And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.”

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

God’s word transforms lives. We invite you to join us as we read the Bible together this year. The plan below was first published as the Five Day Bible Reading Plan by Lower Lights Publications. You can find versions of it online, but we hope placing it here will provide you easy access to our church’s reading plan. And, don’t worry if you’re jumping in mid-year. Just check out the date and start reading with us!

Week 1 — Jan 1-7

- Gen 1-2; Ps 19; Mark 1
- Gen 3-5; Mark 2
- Gen 6-8; Ps 104; Mark 3
- Gen 9-11; Mark 4
- Gen 12-15; Ps 148; Mark 5

Week 2 — Jan 8-14

- Gen 16-18; Mark 6
- Gen 19-20; Ps 1; Mark 7
- Gen 21-23; Ps 107; Mark 8
- Gen 24-25; Ps 4; Mark 9
- Gen 26-27; Mark 10

Week 3 — Jan 15-21

- Gen 28-29; Mark 11
- Gen 30-31; Ps 11; Mark 12
- Gen 32-34; Ps 145; Mark 13
- Gen 35-37; Ps 12; Mark 14
- Gen 38-40; Mark 15

Week 4 — Jan 22-28

- Gen 41-42; Mark 16
- Gen 43-44; Ps 24; Gal 1
- Gen 45-46; Ps 108; Gal 2
- Gen 47-48; Ps 25; Gal 3
- Gen 49-50; Gal 4

Week 5 — Jan 29 - Feb 4

- Exo 1-3; Gal 5
- Exo 4-6; Gal 6
- Exo 7-9; Ps 105; Eph 1
- Exo 10-12; Eph 2
- Exo 13-15; Ps 114; Eph 3

Week 6 — Feb 5-11

- Exo 16-18; Eph 4
- Exo 19-21; Ps 33; Eph 5
- Exo 22-24; Ps 109; Eph 6
- Exo 25-27; Ps 90; Phil 1
- Exo 28-31; Phil 2

Week 7 — Feb 12-18

- Exo 32-34; Phil 3
- Exo 35-37; Ps 26; Phil 4
- Exo 38-40; Hebrews 1
- Lev 1-3; Ps 27; Heb 2
- Lev 4-7; Heb 3

Week 8 — Feb 19-25

- Lev 8-11; Ps 110; Heb 4
- Lev 12-14; Ps 111; Heb 5
- Lev 15-18; Ps 31; Heb 6
- Lev 19-20; Heb 7
- Lev 21-23; Heb 8

Week 9 — Feb 26 - Mar 4

- Lev 24-25; Ps 81; Heb 9
- Lev 26-27; Ps 112; Heb 10
- Num 1-2; Ps 64; Heb 11
- Num 3-5; Heb 12
- Num 6-7; Heb 13

Week 10 — Mar 5-11

- Num 8-11; Col 1
- Num 12-14; Ps 28; Col 2
- Num 15-18; Ps 113; Col 3
- Num 19-21; Col 4
- Num 22-25; Luke 1

Week 11 — Mar 12-18

- Num 26-29; Luke 2
- Num 30-33; Ps 35; Luke 3
- Num 34-36; Luke 4
- Deut 1-3; Ps 36; Luke 5
- Deut 4-5; Luke 6

Week 12 — March 19-25

- Deut 6-9; Luke 7
- Deut 10-14; Ps 5; Luke 8
- Deut 15-18; Ps. 115; Luke 9
- Deut 19-22; Ps 6; Luke 10
- Deut 23-26; Luke 11

Week 13 — Mar 26 - Apr 1

- Deut 27-31; Luke 12
- Deut 32-34; Ps 13; Luke 13
- Josh 1-4; Ps 143; Luke 14
- Josh 5-8; Ps 14; Luke 15
- Josh 9-13; Luke 16

Week 14 — Apr 2-8

- Josh 14-17; Luke 17
- Josh 18-21; Ps 15; Luke 18
- Josh 22-24; Ps 116; Luke 19
- Judg 1-3; Ps 16; Luke 20
- Judg 4-6; Luke 21

Week 15 — Apr 9-15

- Judg 7-8; Luke 22
- Judg 9-11; Ps 17; Luke 23
- Judg 12-16; Ps 146; Luke 24
- Judg 17-18; Ps 21; Acts 1
- Judg 19-21; Acts 2

Week 16 — Apr 16-22

- Ruth 1-2; Acts 3
- Ruth 3-4; Ps 37; Acts 4
- 1 Sam 1-2; Ps 120; Acts 5
- 1 Sam 3-5; Ps 23; Acts 6
- 1 Sam 6-8; Acts 7

Week 17 — Apr 23-29

- 1 Sam 9-10; Acts 8
- 1 Sam 11-13; Acts 9
- 1 Sam 14; Ps 124; Acts 10
- 1 Sam 15-16; 1 Chr 1; Ps 39; Acts 11
- 1 Sam 17; 1 Chr 2; Acts 12



Memorize Together



“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

MATTHEW 4:4

Tips for Memorizing Scripture

God calls us to store up his word in our heart and to meditate on it day and night. We would love for you to join us as we memorize a new passage of Scripture each week to build up our biblical foundation. This scripture memory plan comes from the CSB Study Bible 52 Week Memory Plan.

Here are a few practical tips to help you get started.

TIP 1 — READ AND MEDITATE

Take time to read through the passage 4-5 times before attempting any memorization. You might also consider listening to the verse on repeat using an app like DWELL. Once you’ve read it multiple times, take a moment to pray about this passage and ask God to help you learn it, obey it, and love him more because of it.

TIP 2 — DIG IN TO THE MEANING

One of the most important things you can do when memorizing Scripture is to understand the meaning of the passage. Consider using the HEAR method described earlier in this booklet. Or, read multiple translations (ESV, CSB, NET, NASB) to get a better understanding of what the verse means. Studying the verse’s meaning with help with memorization and lifelong application.

TIP 3 — SHARE AND REPLICATE

Once you’ve begun to learn the passage, it’s important to practice producing the verse. You might want to write it multiple times in a journal, say it out loud as you’re doing chores, or share it with a friend or family member. Anything you can do to replicate it will help you with memorization.

TIP 4 — REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT

There is no better way to engrave these verses in your long-term memory than to repeat them as often as possible. Make sure you go back at the end of each month and review the verses you’ve learned over the last few weeks.



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Life Verses

Verses are dated by the Monday we will begin learning them together.

DATE	TOPIC	BASIC	CHALLENGE
Jan. 1	God the Creator	Genesis 1:1	John 1:1-5
Jan. 8	Human Beings	Genesis 1:26-28	Psalm 8
Jan. 15	Sin	Genesis 3:6-7	James 1:12-15
Jan. 22	Sin's Consequences	Romans 6:23	John 8:34-35
Jan. 29	Jesus Christ	John 14:6	Matthew 1:21-23
Feb. 5	Scripture	2 Timothy 3:16-17	Romans 15:4
Feb. 12	Creation	Romans 1:20	Psalm 19:1-6
Feb. 19	Law	Psalm 119:13-16	Psalm 19:7-14
Feb. 26	Scripture	Matthew 5:17-20	Luke 24:44-45
Mar. 4	Abraham	Genesis 12:1-3	Genesis 15:1
Mar. 11	God's Grace to Israel	Genesis 28:14-15	Genesis 48:16
Mar. 18	Joseph's Character	Genesis 50:19-21	Hebrews 11:22
Mar. 25	Moses as a Servant	Exodus 3:14-15	Hebrews 11:22-26
Apr. 1	Moses	Deut. 6:4-9	Deut. 8:2-3
Apr. 8	Joshua's Charge	Joshua 1:6-9	Joshua 24:14-15
Apr. 15	Retreat to Idolatry	Judges 1:11-13	Judges 21:25
Apr. 22	Faithfulness	Ruth 1:16-17	Ruth 4:14-16
Apr. 29	Samuel as Intercessor	1 Samuel 3:10	1 Samuel 12:23-25
May 6	David's Reign	2 Samuel 5:4-5	2 Samuel 7:12-13
May 13	Psalms of David	Psalm 23	Psalm 32:1-2
May 20	Solomon's Prayer	1 Kings 3:7-9	1 Kings 3:10-14
May 27	Wisdom's Source	Proverbs 1:7	Proverbs 3:1-12
June 3	Hollow Worship	Isaiah 29:13-14	Isaiah 29:15-16
June 10	Eternal God	Isaiah 40:6-8	Isaiah 40:27-31
June 17	Judgement	John 3:19-21	Luke 16:15
June 24	New Heart	Ezekial 36:26-27	Ezekial 37:14
July 1	God's Gift	Romans 3:23-26	1 Peter 3:18
July 8	Jesus as Substitute	Isaiah 53:4-6	Hebrews 9:11-14
July 15	New Birth	John 3:5-8	John 3:14-17
July 22	Peace	Romans 5:1-5	Hebrews 13:20-21
July 29	Repentance	Mark 1:15	Acts 17:30

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.

JOSHUA 1:8

DATE	TOPIC	BASIC	CHALLENGE
Aug. 5	Baptism	Acts 2:38-40	Romans 6:4-5
Aug. 12	The Comforter	John 14:16	John 16:8-11
Aug. 19	Body of Christ	Acts 2:41-43	Ephesians 4:15-16
Aug. 26	Serving Others	James 2:15-17	Matthew 25:37-40
Sept. 2	Prayer	Matthew 6:5-8	Romans 8:26-27
Sept. 9	Building Well	Ecclesiastes 12:13-14	Matthew 7:24-27
Sept. 16	Anger	Matthew 5:21-22	Proverbs 22:24
Sept. 23	Lust	Matthew 5:27-30	Proverbs 5:18
Sept. 30	Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48	Ephesians 6:10-18
Oct. 7	Jealousy	Ecclesiastes 4:4	James 3:13-18
Oct. 14	Sloth	Proverbs 18:9	2 Thess. 3:10
Oct. 21	Greed	Hebrews 13:5	Malachi 3:8-12
Oct. 28	Pride	Ezekial 16:49	Jeremiah 13:15-17
Nov. 4	Depression	Psalms 42:5	Isaiah 26:3
Nov. 11	Priorities	Philippians 3:13-14	Matthew 6:33-34
Nov. 18	Influence	Matthew 5:13-16	Matthew 18:6
Nov. 25	Witness	Matthew 28:18-20	1 Peter 3:14-16
Dec. 2	Marriage	Genesis 2:22-24	Song of Songs 8:6-7
Dec. 9	Husbands/Wives	Ephesians 5:25-26	Ephesians 5:22-24
Dec. 16	Resurrection	1 Cor. 15:3-8	1 Cor. 15:20-22
Dec. 23	Glory	Revelation 21:1-4	Revelation 22:17-21



Learn Together



“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

HEBREWS 10:24-25

Community Groups

God calls his people to be in a community of believers where we know others and are known by others. At Grace, we call these places Community Groups. These weekly gatherings are central to our spiritual growth and are the primary way we study God’s word together, pray together, and live life together. Groups typically consist of 10-20 people who gather in member’s homes throughout Bell County, and we have groups for every age and stage.

You can visit gracesalado.com/community or scan the QR code on the right to find a group or contact a leader.



Bible Studies

We love to study the word of God together here at Grace. We believe this is essential to growing in our knowledge and love for God and is an important way to obey the command in 2 Timothy 2:15 *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth”*.

Throughout the week, we have multiple opportunities to read and apply God’s word together in community. For a full list of bible studies, use the scan the QR code on the right to see when and where groups meet and begin studying God’s word together.





Engage Together



“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

LUKE 10:2

How to Pray for the Nations

Every follower of Jesus has an important role in fulfilling the great commission. Here at Grace, we believe that the missionary church is a prayer church, and that prayer is the single greatest contribution that any follower of Jesus can make towards reaching the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Because of this, we want to urge every member of Grace to intentionally consider how they can be praying for the nations. Here are some ways to have a deeper, more meaningful prayer time for the nations in 2024.

TIP 1 — CATCH THE VISION

To truly transform the way you pray for the nations in 2024, you need to be convinced of what scripture has to say about prayer. We encourage you to use the QR code on the right to listen to this sermon from Luke 10 about praying for the harvest.



TIP 2 — HAVE A PLAN

It’s difficult to grow in prayer without a plan. On the next page, you’ll find a week by week prayer guide that highlights a different country each week that we’ll be praying for as a church. There’s also a monthly prayer focus to help guide your prayer. We also have a full missions prayer guide online that helps you be guided through scripture in praying for God’s glory among the nations.



TIP 3 — CREATE A ROUTINE

Faithful prayer requires discipline and consistency. One of the most important things you can do to grow in praying for the nations is to create a routine. This might look like a special place that you go, a specific time of day, or using a special prayer journal. One routine we’d encourage is to set a timer on your phone each day at 10:02am (based on Luke 10:2) as a reminder to pray for the nations.

TIP 4 — DON’T DO IT ALONE

We believe that a movement of missions must begin with a movement of prayer. We would strongly encourage everyone at Grace to consider 2-3 people they could invite to begin praying regularly with for the nations. The prayer guide on step 2 would be a helpful resource for these prayer groups.



Reach the Unreached

In 2024, we're committing to pray each week for the countries with the least gospel access. For more info on each country, scan the QR code.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

MATTHEW 24:14

JANUARY

- Jan 1 Afghanistan
- Jan 8 Yemen
- Jan 15 Somalia
- Jan 22 Maldives
- Jan 29 Sudan

Pray that the gospel might be proclaimed to all nations (Mt. 24:14)

FEBRUARY

- Feb 5 Pakistan
- Feb 12 Syria
- Feb 19 Iraq
- Feb 26 Mauritania

Pray that the earth might be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Hab. 2:14)

MARCH

- Mar 5 Chad
- Mar 12 Mali
- Mar 19 Libya
- Mar 26 Iran

Pray that the God's name might be honored by every nation, people, and person (Mt. 6:9)

APRIL

- Apr 2 Comoros
- Apr 9 Djibouti
- Apr 16 Guinea
- Apr 23 Tajikistan
- Apr 30 Niger

Pray that God's rule might advance into the entire world (Mt. 6:10)

MAY

- May 7 India
- May 14 South Sudan
- May 21 North Korea
- May 28 Eritrea

Pray that the church would be moved to fulfill the Great Commission (Mt. 9:37-38)

JUNE

- Jun 4 Nepal
- Jun 11 Algeria
- Jun 18 Turkey
- Jun 25 Bangladesh

Pray that the church might catch a vision and that God would send more and more laborers into the harvest (Mt 9:37-38).

JULY

- Jul 2 Turkmenistan
- Jul 9 Central African Rep.
- Jul 16 Morocco
- Jul 23 Congo
- Jul 30 Saudi Arabia

Pray that God might open doors for the gospel to be preached in all places to all peoples (Col. 4:3).

AUGUST

- Aug 6 Lebanon
- Aug 13 Laos
- Aug 20 Jordan
- Aug 27 Uzbekistan

Pray that God might grant boldness to missionaries to proclaim the gospel (Col. 4:3).

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 3 Cameroon
- Sept 10 Tunisia
- Sept 17 Bhutan
- Sept 24 Senegal

Pray that God might grant wisdom to missionaries to clearly proclaim the true, biblical Gospel (Col. 4:4)

OCTOBER

- Oct 1 PNG
- Oct 8 Gambia
- Oct 15 Kyrgyzstan
- Oct 22 Myanmar
- Oct 29 Thailand

Pray that churches might dedicate themselves to sending out laborers (3 Jn. 1:5-7).

NOVEMBER

- Nov 5 Egypt
- Nov 12 Azerbaijan
- Nov 19 Ethiopia
- Nov 26 Cote D'Ivoire

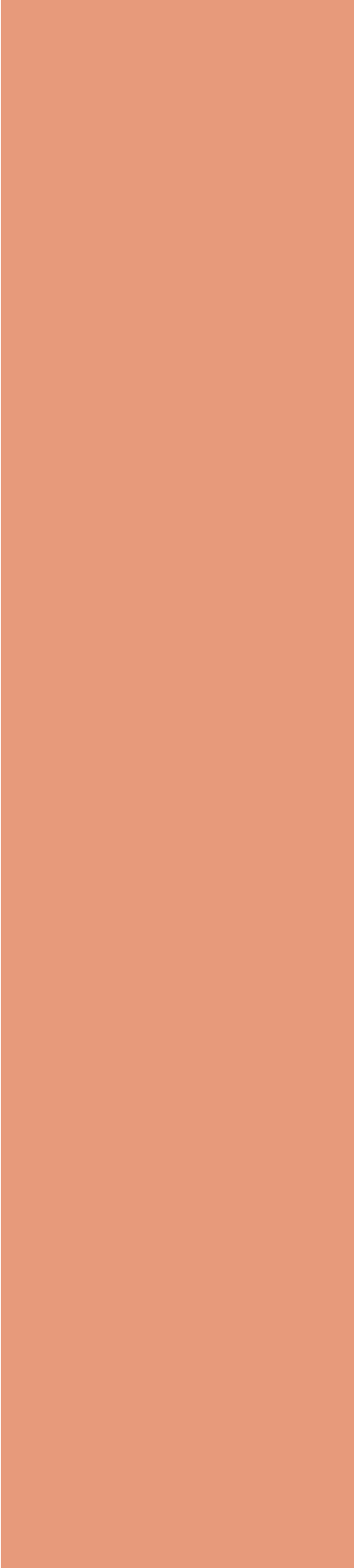
Pray that God might call out a people from all nations for His glory (Ez. 36:22-24).

DECEMBER

- Dec 3 Nigeria
- Dec 10 Cambodia
- Dec 17 Oman
- Dec 24 China
- Dec 31 Madagascar

Pray that a great multitude from every nation might stand before God and worship (Rev. 7:9).





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