

# EBC Summer Bible Reading Plan

## June

- 21  John 1, 2
- 22  John 3, 4
- 23  John 5, 6
- 24  John 7, 8
- 25  John 9, 10
- 26  John 11, 12
- 27  John 13, 14
- 28  John 15, 16
- 29  John 17, 18
- 30  John 19, 20

## July

- 1  John 21, James 1
- 2  James 2, 3
- 3  James 4, 5
- 4  Matthew 1, 2
- 5  Matthew 3, 4
- 6  Matthew 5, 6
- 7  Matthew 7, 8
- 8  Matthew 9, 10
- 9  Matthew 11, 12
- 10  Matthew 13, 14
- 11  Matthew 15, 16
- 12  Matthew 17, 18
- 13  Matthew 19, 20

## July

- 14  Matthew 21, 22
- 15  Matthew 23, 24
- 16  Matthew 25, 26
- 17  Matthew 27, 28
- 18  Philippians 1, 2
- 19  Philippians 3, 4
- 20  Luke 1, 2
- 21  Luke 3, 4
- 22  Luke 5, 6
- 23  Luke 7, 8
- 24  Luke 9, 10
- 25  Luke 11, 12
- 26  Luke 13, 14
- 27  Luke 15, 16
- 28  Luke 17, 18
- 29  Luke 19, 20
- 30  Luke 21, 22
- 31  Luke 23, 24

## August

- 1  1 John 1, 2, 3
- 2  1 John 4, 5
- 3  Mark 1, 2
- 4  Mark 3, 4
- 5  Mark 5, 6
- 6  Mark 7, 8

## August

- 7  Mark 9, 10
- 8  Mark 11, 12
- 9  Mark 13, 14
- 10  Mark 15, 16
- 11  Acts 1, 2
- 12  Acts 3, 4
- 13  Acts 5, 6
- 14  Acts 7, 8
- 15  Acts 9, 10
- 16  Acts 11, 12
- 17  Acts 13, 14
- 18  Acts 15, 16
- 19  Acts 17, 18
- 20  Acts 19, 20
- 21  Acts 21, 22
- 22  Acts 23, 24
- 23  Acts 25, 26
- 24  Acts 27, 28
- 25  Ephesians 1, 2
- 26  Ephesians 3, 4
- 27  Ephesians 5, 6
- 28  1 Timothy 1, 2
- 29  1 Timothy 3, 4
- 30  1 Timothy 5, 6
- 31  Titus 1, 2, 3

## 2 Things you need for reading the Bible:

### 1. **A heart turned toward God in prayer and humility**

- a. Pray and ask God to give you understanding by the Holy Spirit.
- b. Be humble enough to ask questions. We approach the text understanding that apart from the Spirit of God, we cannot gain understanding from God's perspective by His grace. We need Him.

### 2. **A Bible**

- a. **Observation** - what does this verse say?
  - i. *Who* is speaking, speaking to? *What* is he saying, what is the goal? *When* is it written? *Where*? *Why* is he telling them this? *How*?
- b. **Interpretation** - what does this verse mean?
  - i. remember that context rules
  - ii. always seek the full counsel of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
  - iii. look for the single meaning of the passage (what did it mean to them)
- c. **Application** - how does this verse apply to my life?
  - i. what would it look like today if I was to make \_\_\_\_\_ my goal today?
  - ii. James 1:22 - "but be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
  - iii. We look to live by what we learned from God's Word, and we look to see what needs to change as we live our lives for Him.

While God spoke audibly to people in the OT and through Jesus while He was living on earth in the NT, today God speaks ultimately through His written Word, the Bible. Here are 5 gospel themes God reveals about Himself and how He works, in the Word of God, the Bible:

1. That God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. It's in the words of Scripture that we learn that God created the heavens and earth. (Gen. 1; Heb. 1:1-3)
2. Humans have sinned. It's in Scripture that we learn that humans are created in the image of God, but sinned against our holy and righteous God. We are desperately in need of forgiveness for our sins, our rebellion against God and we need to be redeemed, because we are enemies of God. (Gen. 3; Rom. 3:23)
3. God is our Saviour. It is in the words of Scripture that God reveals how we can know Him and how He has redemptively worked in history through the perfect life, brutal death on the cross and the victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Him we can be no longer enemies but ones who are reconciled to God. (Titus 3:4-7; Rom. 5:1-11)
4. God is our Lord, our King. It is in the words of Scripture that God reveals what He is doing now and in the future. It's in the Word of God that we can learn that Jesus is our Saviour and Lord. It is Him we bow our knee to and submit to. (Rom. 10:9; Rev. 21)
5. God is growing us into who He wants us to be. It is in the words of Scripture that reveal to us who we are now in Christ and how we can glorify Him, as we aim to live lives of holiness and faithfulness to God. God tells us who we are becoming as it says in Romans 8:29. Therefore we proactively live in light of that, understanding as we strive towards knowing, loving, and obeying God. He is conforming us into the image of His Son.

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