

READING PLAN THROUGH THE GOSPELS

COVID-19 and social distancing have completely changed what the daily routine looks like for many of us over these next couple of months. As opposed to binge watching Netflix and Hulu to pass the time, what if we committed to feasting on the word of God? In the midst of incredibly trying times for the people of God, Jeremiah 15:16 tells us, "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts."

In 8 weeks, we can read through the 4 Gospels, the eyewitness accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus, by simply reading 2 chapters a day. You could use this as part of a daily time of Scripture reading, journaling, and prayer. You could also use this as part of a daily family devotion time. The increased time at home gives parents an awesome opportunity to lead out in making disciples with your children and instructing them in the things of God.

Having a good plan can be helpful when studying Scripture, especially if using this as a family devotion time. There are a lot of good methods out there, but I would like to suggest the R.E.A.P. method as we read through the Gospels together.

READ: Read through the 2 chapters without pausing to discuss or take notes. If doing this with your family, let everyone have a part in the Scripture reading. If doing this individually, you might want to read through a 2nd time and highlight key verses and make notes of things that really stand out.

EXAMINE: Think through the following questions. Individually you could write your responses in a journal or notebook. As a family or in a group setting, you could discuss these questions together.

- What is the main idea or ideas in the passages?
- What do these passages teach us about God the Father and Jesus?
- What do these passages teach us about who we are?
- Are there any promises to claim?
- Are there any sins to avoid or confess?
- Are there any commands or instruction to obey?

APPLY: We should not read Scripture simply to mark off a checklist or only to grow in knowledge. God wants us to develop deeper intimacy with him and dependence on him. God desires that we would be doers of the word. God desires to change our hearts, our minds, our attitudes, our actions, our speech, and our motivations. He desires for us to declare his name throughout the world. Talk about these questions:

- What have I learned that will help me grow closer to Jesus?
- How will I live, think, speak, or act different as a result of God's word? Who do I need to minister to?

PRAY: Let the chapters you have read and the things you have discovered through examining the Scriptures guide your prayer time. The A.C.T.S model is a great guide.

- **ADORATION:** Praise the Father and Son for what you have learned about who God is.
- **CONFESSION:** Confess sins that have been revealed in the Scripture.
- **THANKSGIVING:** Thank Jesus for who he is, what he has done, or what he has provided.
- **SUPPLICATION:** Pray for God to work in your life and throughout the world. Pray that God's will be done here on earth. Pray for the spread of the gospel. Pray that your heart & mind are transformed.

_____ Sunday, March 22, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: How to read the Gospels

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrzq_X1NNaA#action=share

_____ Monday, March 23, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: Matthew Part 1, Chapters 1-13

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/matthew/>

_____ Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – Matthew 1 & 2

_____ Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – Matthew 3 & 4

_____ Thursday, March 26, 2020 – Matthew 5 & 6

_____ Friday, March 27, 2020 – Matthew 7 & 8

_____ Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Matthew 9 & 10

_____ Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Matthew 11 & 12

_____ Monday, March 30, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: Matthew Part 2, Chapters 14-28

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/matthew/>

_____ Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – Matthew 13 & 14

_____ Wednesday, April 1, 2020 – Matthew 15 & 16

_____ Thursday, April 2, 2020 – Matthew 17 & 18

_____ Friday, April 3, 2020 – Matthew 19 & 20

_____ Saturday, April 4, 2020 – Matthew 21 & 22

_____ Sunday, April 5, 2020 – Matthew 23 & 24

_____ Monday, April 6, 2020 – Matthew 25 & 26

_____ Tuesday, April 7, 2020 – Matthew 27 & 28

_____ Wednesday, April 8, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: Mark <https://bibleproject.com/explore/mark/>

_____ Thursday, April 9, 2020 – Mark 1 & 2

_____ Friday, April 10, 2020 – Mark 3 & 4

_____ Saturday, April 11, 2020 – Mark 5 & 6

_____ Sunday, April 12, 2020 – Mark 7 & 8

_____ Monday, April 13, 2020 – Mark 9 & 10

_____ Tuesday, April 14, 2020 – Mark 11 & 12

_____ Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – Mark 13 & 14

_____ Thursday, April 16, 2020 – Mark 15 & 16

_____ Friday, April 17, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: Luke Part 1, Chapters 1-9

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

_____ Saturday, April 18, 2020 – Luke 1 & 2

_____ Sunday, April 19, 2020 – Luke 3 & 4

_____ Monday, April 20, 2020 – Luke 5 & 6

_____ Tuesday, April 21, 2020 – Luke 7 & 8

_____ Wednesday, April 22, 2020 – Luke 9 & 10

_____ Thursday, April 23, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: Luke Part 2, Chapters 10 – 24

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

_____ Friday, April 24, 2020 – Luke 11 & 12

_____ Saturday, April 25, 2020 – Luke 13 & 14

_____ Sunday, April 26, 2020 – Luke 15 & 16

_____ Monday, April 27, 2020 – Luke 17 & 18

_____ Tuesday, April 28, 2020 – Luke 19 & 20

_____ Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – Luke 21 & 22

_____ Thursday, April 30, 2020 – Luke 23 & 24

_____ Friday, May 1, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: John Part 1, Chapters 1 – 12

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/john/>

_____ Saturday, May 2, 2020 – John 1 & 2

_____ Sunday, May 3, 2020 – John 3 & 4

_____ Monday, May 4, 2020 – John 5 & 6

_____ Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – John 7 & 8

_____ Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – John 9 & 10

_____ Thursday, May 7, 2020 – John 11 & 12

_____ Friday, May 8, 2020 – Watch Bible Project Video: John Part 2, Chapters 13 – 21

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/john/>

_____ Saturday, May 9, 2020 – John 13 & 14

_____ Sunday, May 10, 2020 – John 15 & 16

_____ Monday, May 11, 2020 – John 17 & 18

_____ Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – John 19, 20 & 21